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New Wilmington Health Center opens

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WILMINGTON — HealthPlus Urgent Care, a new division of North Andover-based HealthPlus Group, has just opened a new urgent care center in Wilmington. A ribbon cutting ceremony last week was attended by the Wilmington-Tewksbury Chamber of Commerce director and presi-

dent, Wilmington town leaders and members of the state delegation along with HealthPlus principals and staff.

The center is the brainchild of a team of seasoned medical doctors who have been affiliated with area hospitals such as Melrose-Wakefield and Heywood Hospital for years.

Led by Nigerian born Dr. Akindele Majekodunmi and co-founder Faisal

Malik, MD, originally from Pakistan, the group already runs a rapidly expanding patient-centered care service embedded in hospitals and behavioral health systems in Massachusetts.

Additionally, the team has an established and growing group of health care providers that work in post-acute care group settings (skilled nursing facilities and assisted living facilities) all through-

out New England. Demand is high for medical services that are facility-based, especially since the onset of COVID-19.

The HealthPlus Urgent Care at Wilmington is the group's first urgent care center.

According to spokesperson Jennifer Arena, "Wilmington made sense as it is really in our backyard; our corporate offices are just up the road in North Andover."

Arena went on to say, "We are excited to launch this business line into the evolving urgent care marketplace which sees convenient, affordable, health care beyond the typical hours of a physician office, and as an alternative to the emergency room."

The group looks forward to being one of the town's first choices for individualized, personalized urgent care, but is also open to residents of surround-

ing towns. According to Arena, COVID-19 has highlighted the need for telehealth services, local care, and the need to service those who are not comfortable going in to large hospitals or emergency rooms for healthcare services.

The center is open from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., seven days a week. One of the differentiators for the facility is

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Wilmington School Comm. considers a parent-guardian advisory group

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington School Committee invited a few parents who had reached out previously to present their idea for a parent-guardian advisory group at the meeting last Wednesday night.

In this presentation, the parents explained that their group's intent is to create a district-wide parent and guardian group to help form a partnership between parents, teachers, and administrators, increase the visibility of district-level initiatives, and create an opportunity for shared learning between parents and guardians.

Some of the areas that the proposed group could focus on that they named were curriculum changes, school scheduling changes, community engagement, facilities planning, extracurricular activities, and strategic planning. They said that their next action would be to start a working group in order to define the structure, scope, roles, and procedures of the proposed parental advisory group before they would seek School Committee support.

School Committee member M. J. Byrnes was concerned the suggested work is currently covered by groups that already exist for parents. Instead, she thought that they could work with existing Parent Advisory Councils and focus on enhancing parent engagement.

The presenters maintained that they had already contacted several PACs in hopes of collaborating but saw the group as doing complementary

School Committee receives program updates

By LIZZY HILL
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WILMINGTON — At their meeting last Wednesday night, the Wilmington School Committee received an update from the Fine and Performing Arts department, the superintendent's report, and the revised school calendar for 2021-2022.

Anita DiLullo delivered the Fine and Performing Arts update to the committee. She named a number of remote learning tools that they found

to keep students on track, including things like a collection of teaching videos, a peer remote observation tool, and MICCA workshops for teachers. She was happy to report that the department has maintained all of their course offerings despite going remote and then hybrid.

In addition to sending home music bags with elementary kids, the Fine and Performing Arts teachers have gotten creative with virtual events like Instrumental Music

Night, having class outdoors, and creating larger room spaces for social distancing. Now that DESE guidelines have been updated, DiLullo shared that they're hoping to hold the spring play, high school marching band half time shows at the two home football games, and spring concerts and ensembles.

The board thanked DiLullo for her presentation.

For the Superintendent's Report, Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand discus-

sed the WMS program review steering committee, the YRBS, the MSBA, and the executive assistant to the superintendent. He mentioned that the steering committee had split into three groups focusing on a review of program offerings, school practices, and organization respectively.

David Ragsdale asked the superintendent how the committees would start to answer the questions proposed. Brand

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School Committee hears survey results about returning to full in-person learning

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — New business at the School Committee meeting last Wednesday night pertained to a proposal for social-emotional learning support and the return to full in-person for this spring.

Coordinator of Behavioral Health and Social-Emotional Support Christine Murray and Direc-

tor of Student Support Services Alice Brown-LeGrand presented several new ideas for social-emotional learning in Wilmington that would start as early as next year.

Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand first shared that their task for tonight was only to gather support, and in the coming weeks they'd start taking advantage of grant funding to make way for these chan-

ges.

Brown-LeGrand mentioned some recent adjustments over the past few years including changing the Office of Special Education to the Office of Student Support, the creation of the behavioral health task force, working with MacLean Hospital's anxiety mastering programming, joining the Massachusetts General Health Consortium, and creating screen-

ing tools for students.

There was also the recent Walker Report which identified the need to make student support equal across town.

Murray talked about the increase of support that started in the fall of 2020 and led to the department adding more positions and creating a family resource guide. They also provided staff with a

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Wilmington Library News:

April kicks off Earth Year at the Wilmington Memorial Library

Library Services Available

You are able to visit the WML without an appointment to browse the first floor, pick up holds, use a computer with a 60 minute limit, and make a copy or use the fax machine. The library is open for these services Monday - Thursday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Curbside pickup is still available with new hours: Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Appointments are still required to visit the Youth Services Department. All patrons must wear a mask and sanitize their hands upon arriving at the library.

WML Virtual Programming

The library continues to offer a variety for virtual events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to wilmlibrary.org to register or call 978-658-2967.

Poetry Contest

Wilmington Memorial Library invites you to submit a poem about Mother Nature on the library's website. This theme is in keeping with WML's Earth Year initiative. Poems may be about the enjoyment of nature as well as the importance of protecting our environment. Submissions

are open until April 17. Winners in each age category from Kindergarten through Adults will be selected and winning poems will be published on the library's website.

Adult Programs

Author Talk: Kerri Arsenault — Mill Town

Thursday, April 1, 7 p.m. Join Kerri Arsenault, author of Mill Town: Reckoning with What Remains, for a discussion.

Kerri Arsenault grew up in the rural working class town of Mexico, Maine. For over 100 years the community orbited around a paper mill that employs most townspeople, including three generations of Arsenault's own family. The mill, while providing livelihoods for nearly everyone, also contributed to the destruction of the environment and the decline of the town's economic, physical, and emotional health in a slow-moving catastrophe, earning the area the nickname "Cancer Valley."

Fiction Critique Group

Saturday, April 3, 9:15 a.m. Love writing fiction? Whether you are drafting a short story or a novel, joining our Critique Group is a great opportunity to meet other writers and get constructive feedback in a

supportive environment. Open to all experience levels writing in all genres. Led by local writing enthusiast, Barbara Alevras. If you are interested in attending this event, please email Assistant Director Charlotte Wood at cwood@wilmlibrary.org

Why Native Plant Landscapes Matter

Monday, April 5, 2:30 p.m. This program provides a comprehensive overview of native plants and their essential role in ecosystem health. Concepts covered include the co-evolution of plants and animals; the fundamental importance of native plants to a functioning food web; and the differences among native, naturalized, and invasive plants. Presenter Claudia Thompson, founder of Grow Native Massachusetts, will give a "tour" of her garden showing its steady transformation from a conventional urban yard to a landscape rich with native plant species and habitat for birds, butterflies, and wildlife.

Virtual Author Talk: Jane Healey

Tuesday, April 6, 7 p.m. Author Jane Healey discusses her latest release, The Secret Stealers in this Zoom webinar.

Ethical Questions on AI

Wednesday, April 7, 7 p.m. Join technology librarian, Brad McKenna, to watch Genevieve Bell's talk "6 Ethical Questions about the Future of AI". Afterwards we'll break down Ms. Bell's six questions and discuss AI in general.

Green Chemistry: Inventing a Circular Economy

Thursday, April 8, 7 p.m. John Warner, co-founder of the Warner-Babcock Institute for Green Chemistry, will speak on the role of green chemistry in helping to create a low waste circular economy that in turn will help to maintain the world's intricate ecosystems.

Youth Programs

Practice SAT with the Princeton Review

Saturday, April 3, 9 a.m. Join The Princeton Review virtually to take a free, full-length practice SAT. After the test, you'll receive a comprehensive score report detailing your strengths and weaknesses. Grades 10 & 11

Introduction to Citizen Science Month

Monday, April 5, 6:30 p.m. April is Citizen Science month! Come learn about

all of the ways that you and your family can contribute to scientific research projects. Watch a short video, view our new Citizen Science kits and see projects that you can participate in involving field observation, data reporting, and other hands-on activities that can be done outside or inside to help real scientists with their research and accelerate discovery. Adults, teens and families are welcome!

Among Us

Teen Game Night

Tuesday, April 6, 5 p.m. Join your crewmates in a multiplayer game of teamwork and betrayal over Zoom! Download the free Among Us app, and play in a private match hosted by the WML. Grades 6-12

Online LEGO Club

Thursday, April 8, 4 p.m. Build LEGOs (or whatever building materials you have at your house) at the same time as other LEGO fans online. At the end, you can share what you made during the time, and show one other item that you may have already built at home. Ages 5+

Mediate with Amy for Teens

Friday, April 9, 4 p.m. Join Amy Rutledge, a certified meditation instructor, to learn how to cultivate

self love, self worth, confidence, compassion, focus, concentration, stress, anxiety relief, and help with navigating difficult emotions and change. Promote connection, community, and peace to all. Classes are 30 minutes with an intro, guided practice, then time for Q&A. Open to all levels, beginners welcome! Grades 6-12

Practice ACT with the Princeton Review

Saturday, April 10, 9 a.m. Join The Princeton Review virtually to take a free, full-length practice ACT. After the test, you'll receive a comprehensive score report detailing your strengths and weaknesses. Grades 10 & 11

Preschool Storytime

Tuesday, April 6, 10 a.m. This storytime for preschoolers includes books, rhymes, and music. Ages 3-5

Time for Twos

Wednesday, April 7, 10 a.m. This storytime for two year olds includes books, rhymes, music and movement.

Baby Time

Thursday, April 8, 10 a.m. This program of songs, rhymes, games and picture books is for babies under the age of two years and their caregivers.

News and notes from WCTV

Hello friends and neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV!

WCTV CONGRATULATES BOB HAMEL — newest WCTV Board Member!

WCTV is pleased to announce that our members have voted and selected Bob Hamel to be part of our Board of Directors. Bob has been a member of WCTV since 2016 and began volunteering right away. He is also the host and editor of his own cooking show, "All about the Flavors" here on WCTV. We are very excited to have Bob as part of our Board!

WCTV PRESENTS: SCHOOL COMMITTEE FORUM! (Premiere) FRIDAY APRIL 2, 7 p.m. To help you cast your vote for the upcoming School Committee elections, WCTV is hosting a candidates' forum. Tune in and get to know the six School Committee candidates as they answer questions about why they want to be part of the Wil-

mington School Committee and more. Rob Peterson will act as moderator for this event. View on channels: Verizon 37 and Comcast 9.

UPCOMING MEETINGS COVERED BY WCTV TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 7:30 p.m. - Planning Board

View on channels: Verizon 38 and Comcast 22. WCTV is located at: 10 Waltham Street, Wilmington

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Follow us on Facebook: Wilmington Community Television.

Ragsdale hopes experience as current member of School Committee will return him to school seat

By CASEY STEVENSON News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — David Ragsdale is one of the three candidates, and one of the two incumbent candidates, seeking reelection to the Wilmington School Committee in the upcoming annual town election.

According to his Facebook campaign page, Ragsdale describes himself as "an education specialist at DESE, husband, and dad of three kids in the Wilmington Public Schools seeking reelection to the Wilmington School Committee."

His campaign page, titled "David Ragsdale for Wilmington School Committee" can be found on Facebook and is detailed with articles, letters of endorsement, and election updates. He also can be found on Twitter, where he will talk about books, podcasts, news and Star Wars. Ragsdale took some time to reflect on this upcoming election and share his campaign ideals with Town Crier.

Ragsdale explained how his inspiration to run stemmed from his upbringing.

"Education runs in my family. My mom taught 3rd grade and later worked for 30 years in a public high school as a learning consultant and special education team leader. My brother is a fifth grade teacher, and I taught classes and tutored for many years. So education has always been important to me, and especially now that I have three kids in Wilmington schools.

"I began working at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) in 2011 and after I had been there for several years, I realized I wanted to know more about how my own district operated and I started attending School Committee meetings.

"Over the next two years of going to meetings I realized that I wanted to do the work, not just watch the work being done. I wanted to contribute to the Wilmington school system and I thought I was in a good position to do so. I still feel the same way, which is why I'm running for reelection."

In terms of previous political experience, Ragsdale has a nuanced take

on the perception of being on the School Committee as a political spot.

"My only political experience has been running for School Committee. Before the 2018 election I had never run for anything. One thing I am grateful for is that the School Committee is very nonpolitical. Obviously, the election itself is political, but we're a group that is focused on the work and on the kids. Politics is very far from our minds."

Ragsdale's goals for a possible next term are as outlined: "I think there will be two main things to focus on — one short term and one longer term. The first will be evaluating where our kids are, academically and emotionally, and putting plans in place to address what we find. The difficulties of this year have taken a toll on our students, both in their learning and their emotional well-being and we need to meet them where they are.

"We have to adjust our pacing and instruction and curriculum around their needs and figure out what interventions are most helpful, particularly for vulnerable students."

"The second, longer term focus is to return to advancing the priorities of our strategic plan. A lot of time was spent developing the strategic plan to guide our path forward, but we had to put many of those initiatives on hiatus this year. It's important that we begin advancing that work again.

More goals he has in mind are as follows:

"One of the key objectives of our strategic plan is to improve our facilities and I am very hopeful that we will be invited into the MSBA program this year so that we can start to move forward in earnest with replacing the Wildwood school. And although it will be years away, I hope that we can eventually consolidate our elementary schools into four buildings rather than six. As the saying goes, the best time to have begun these projects is years ago, but the second best time to begin them is now."

Ragsdale also talks about his experience as a School Committee member in the age of COVID-19.

"Unsurprisingly, the last 12 months have been immensely challenging. A



▲ RAGSDALE (Courtesy photo)

school district is a complex enterprise even during normal times. When the sand is constantly shifting beneath your feet, when the state provides 225 pages of COVID protocols but doesn't provide much help in implementing them, when memorandums of agreement have to be negotiated multiple times as state regulations change and learning models shift — it's hard to keep your head above water, much less make progress on important district initiatives.

"Looking a little more broadly than just this past year, I would say it's hard to accept that you can't do everything, you can't accomplish everything. First, you're one person on a seven-person committee, and second, things take time, especially at the governance and policy level where the School Committee works. Ragsdale elaborates as well on the most rewarding part of being on School Committee:

"The best part is getting to be involved in something that matters a lot to me and being able to channel my energy towards something valuable to this community. The School Committee is a lot of work, but I find it meaningful and important, and it truly engages me. I also enjoy working with the other committee members and with a truly dedicated staff of administrators and teachers."

Ragsdale also delved into what unique skills he possesses that serves the committee well.

"I think my legal and education background is unique on the committee. For 16 years I taught classes, tutored students, trained teachers, and wrote course content for The Princeton Review. For the last 10 years, I've worked at the Depart-

ment of Elementary and Secondary Education, developing expertise in education policy. I also have a law degree from Boston University which comes in handy — there are a lot of education laws that affect our work.

"As far as my skills go, I don't know that I would say any of them are unique, but I think I am good at explaining things clearly and succinctly, and also good at thinking about the perspective of parents in the district and asking questions that they would want answered."

Ragsdale shows determination to return to normal as safely as possible.

"In the very near future, I hope that our return to full in-person learning goes smoothly. It's a lot of work for our teachers and administrators but it's so important to get our kids back into school full time. I hope that all our educators can quickly get vaccinated. And I hope that our high school seniors can have some of the end-of-senior-year experiences that they deserve."

In terms of the current school year, Ragsdale has optimism.

"I would say that we're in a good position to finish the year strongly, with kids back in school full time. And as vaccination continues to accelerate and the pandemic recedes, there is every reason to believe that the '21-'22 school year will be a full year of in-person school with extracurricular activities, clubs, sports, and other features of a regular school year available to our students."

Finally, his message to the general voting population is:

"If the voters of Wilmington reelect me, I will continue to work hard to move our schools in the right direction, and will continue to make the success and well-being of our students the highest priority."

A reminder that the Wilmington town election will take place at various polling locations from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. on April 24, 2021. Information on where each precinct is voting can be found on the Town of Wilmington website. And the deadline to register to vote in order to be eligible to participate in this election is on April 5.

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If you receive property or services, instead of money, as rent, include the fair market value of the property or services in your rental income.

If the services are provided at an agreed upon or specified price, that price is the fair market value unless there is evidence to the contrary.

Example: Your tenant is a painter. He offers to paint your rental property instead of paying 2 months' rent. You accept his offer. Include in your rental income the amount the tenant would have paid for 2 months' rent. You can include that same amount as a rental expense for painting your property.

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History:

Captain Kidd never went to Devil's Den

By CAPT. LARZ NEILSON

One of the most fascinating tales in Wilmington is that of Capt. Kidd and buried treasure. Capt. Kidd was sent by the English in the 1690's to stop piracy in the area off the east coast of Africa.

The local legend is set at the Richard Harnden home site in North Wilmington. The house was on a hill overlooking Andover Road. Today, 67 High St. is the third house on the site. The area was radically changed by the construction of Route 93.

Half a mile to the north, in the area once known as the "Land of Nod" is a small cave known as Devil's Den. It is a natural cave which goes in only a few feet.

The story was passed down that Capt. William Kidd was seen by children in the Harnden family, driving a heavily laden ox cart, headed north. With him was a black man, presumably a slave. Later in the day, the legend goes, Capt. Kidd was seen headed south with the ox cart, now empty. And the black man was not with him.

The road along which he would have travelled was then known as The Andover Road, the only road north out of Boston. Today, it is Woburn Street and part of High Street.

Here, the legend makes a supposition, and that is that Capt. Kidd had hidden a fortune in gold at Devil's Den. After having the slave bury the treasure, Kidd then killed him, so that his spirit could move the treasure, should anyone appear ready to find it.

If the story were true, and if the man seen was indeed Capt. Kidd, then it could only have occurred in early July of 1699.

William Kidd, initially a respectable shipmaster from New York, achieved some fame in King William's War as the commander of a sloop which saw action in the West Indies with the Royal (British) Navy. He had been voted a purse by the New York Assembly, and at one time was engaged by the Colony of Massachusetts to guard the coast against the threat of a French privateer.

Capt. Kidd apparently was a freewheeling sort who knew his way among the pirates. He was a trader who engaged in some smuggling.

But he was also a man with some influence. He had married well, lived in a nice home in New York and donated money for the construction of Trinity Church. He had some influential friends, including the colonial governor.

In 1695, King William III

and several Whig members of the House of Lords asked Kidd to undertake a mission against pirates who had been attacking shipping off the east coast of Africa. With Britain engaged with the French, the Royal Navy was in no position to undertake such a mission.

Kidd was reluctant to embark on such a mission, but eventually was persuaded. He was commissioned as a privateer and given authority to put down piracy in the Indian Ocean and Red Sea area. He was also given a commission of reprisals, authority to seize French vessels. He was given command of the Adventure Galley, which was specially built for the mission.

Funding for the ship was provided by private investors, who would get a share of anything Kidd might seize.

Things did not go well. Even before he was out of the Thames, Kidd had an encounter with the Royal Navy, which arrested part of his crew. He sailed to New York, and sought additional crew members. What he ended up with was a collection of sailors of similar caliber to the pirates he was hunting.

Kidd was gone for three years. Initially, he sailed for Madagascar, but found no pirates there. His presence and mission was obvious to sailors in the region, and he had difficulty procuring water and supplies in ports around the Indian Ocean. He lost a significant part of the crew to illness, and many of the remaining men turned against him.

Over the next several months, the Adventure Galley attacked and captured a few ships, none of them pirate vessels. He had no treasure to reward his investors or his crew.

Kidd attacked a 500-ton ship, the Quedah Merchant. At first, he believed the ship was French, but it was not. It was not uncommon for ships to disguise their nationality. The Quedah sent over a Frenchman who was supposedly the captain. He was not.

Five days later, Kidd realized that the Quedah Merchant was captained by an Englishman and owned by Armenians. This meant that Kidd had no authority for what he had done. He proposed letting the ship go, but his crew would have nothing of it. They wanted their share of the booty.

His actions were not unnoticed in London. Merchants approached Parliament and had Kidd declared a pirate. Kidd's supporters turned against him.

Kidd eventually made

his way to the West Indies, where he secreted the Quedah and transferred the loot to a sloop, the St. Anthony. He then sailed for New York where he hired an attorney to approach Lord Bellamont, in Boston.

He then supposedly buried a treasure worth 20,000 pounds on Gardiner's Island, at the easterly end of Long Island, and set a cairn to mark the spot. He gave the owner of the island, Jonathan Gardiner, some valuable silk fabric. He also stashed some valuables with friends.

Hoping to use his influence with Bellamont, he sent some jewelry to Bellamont's wife.

He landed in Boston on July 3, 1699. Then on July 6, Bellamont had him arrested. Bellamont sent a messenger to Gardiner's Island and the loot was supposedly recovered.

Capt. Kidd was sent to London in February 1700. He was charged with piracy and the murder of one of his crew, William Moore. Then in May, 1701, was convicted and sentenced to hang. When Kidd was pushed off the gallows, though, the rope broke and he landed in the mud below, alive. He was carried back up and hanged again, this time successfully.

Kidd's exploits prior to his arrest, though, generated many stories of buried treasure along or near the New England coast. There are other towns which have tales of Capt. Kidd's treasure.

Those three days in July 1699 seem to the only opportunity for Capt. Kidd to have taken an ox cart and driven to Devil's Den. He would have to have used a fast ox.

Who were the children living at the Harnden house in 1699?

Benjamin Harnden, Richard's second son, was living in the Richard Harnden house at that time. John, Richard's oldest son, lived six hundred yards to the south.

Benjamin's oldest daughter, Elizabeth, was born on Sept. 25, 1692. She would have been not quite seven. Hannah, born Oct. 16, 1694, was almost five. Benjamin Jr. was born on Oct. 12, 1697. There were also twins Richard and Samuel, born June 16, 1699. They would have been two weeks old at the time.

John's daughters Susan and Abigail were about the same age as Elizabeth. Although their house was farther back from the road, they would probably have been outdoors on a summer day. If someone did go up the road in an ox cart, they possibly could have seen him. Or was it

Used glasses? Drop them at Salem Five



Salem Five at 2171 Main St. is a drop off location for the Tewksbury Lions Club eyeglass collection. Used eyeglasses and sunglasses can be dropped off at Salem Five where they will be recycled to help other organizations. Pictured is branch manager Melody Anoli-Marcotte and Assistant Branch Manager Zachary Shepard.

(Paige Impink photo)

Book Stew Review

'A Thousand Ships' by Natalie Haynes

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

If you loved the Trojan War novels "Circe" and "Song of Achilles," if you are a connoisseur of Greek myths — here's your next must-read.

This historical novel, so wry and humorous with its modern take on the imagined lives of the ancients, gets under the skin of the epics of Homer, Aeschylus, Euripides, and others, to finally allow the women to tell their own tales.

There's scarcely one who lived through the Trojan War who is left out (Circe had her own novel) — the major figures

of Clytemnestra, Penelope, Hecuba, Helen, Cassandra, and Andromache, and the minor ones — Iphigeneia, the Amazon Penthesilea, Briseis and Chryseis, Laodamia, and Polyxena — are all given their voices back.

And then there's the deities — the biggies Gaia, Athena, Aphrodite, Hera, and the Furies, and the minor goddesses, nymphs and girlfriends of Zeus — Thetis, Themis, Oenone, Eris, and Homer's muse, Calliope, who gets pretty fed up with him.

There's a remarkable passage where Mother Earth, Gaia, complains

to Zeus that the earth is overpopulated, and they strategize together about the easiest way to bring about a reduction of humans — hello, Helen of Troy!

And Penelope's unsent letters to her wandering husband Odysseus, indicating her displeasure at his wanderings could be a comic novel onto themselves ("One excuse after another. You met a monster. You met a witch. Cannibals broke your ships. A whirlpool ate your friends.").

The author is a heroic classicist who brings true immortality to those previously given short shrift.

just one of the stories that developed at the time? Did someone in the family make it up to entertain the children?

Every now and then, people would show up at Devil's Den looking for that treasure. They come with maps, metal detectors and shovels. In over 300 years, no treasure has ever been found.

Is the spirit of that murdered slave moving the treasure whenever someone goes near it?

A few years ago, a developer built houses near Devil's Den. The develop-

er carefully placed the property lines so that the cave is in the set-back area of the properties. The den is thus presumably protected from dam-

age. However, it is now at the back end of a fenced-in yard and is no longer open to junior spelunkers or treasure hunters.

Tewksbury Clean Up Day

Tewksbury Clean Up Day is Saturday, May 8. This year, document shredding and electronics recycling will be available in addition to the clean up activities.

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Letters to the editor

Plowman 'best person for the job' of Wilmington School Committee member

To my friends, neighbors and fellow residents of Wilmington.

As someone who has been very close to our town's operations and government, I have found myself empathizing with the members of the Wilmington school district, staff and School Committee over the past year.

The unprecedented pandemic circumstances have certainly thrown an appreciable amount of challenges across their desks as they all work to determine the best scenario for safely educating our town's young people.

We now find ourselves in the midst of election season with a number of candidates on the ballot for the office of School Committee member. I respect and admire all candidates willing to volunteer their time and talents for our community.

For one seat, there are a number of candidates on the ballot. In this case, I have come to the conclusion that Melissa Plowman is the best person for the job. I will not restate all of Melissa's impressive achievements and professional qualifications, of which there are many. I would direct you, instead,

to her campaign facebook page to learn more about her: www.facebook.com/MelissaPlowmanforWilmingtonSchoolCommittee

Above and beyond Melissa's impressive resume, is her personal demeanor and approach. In my conversations with her, she has shown herself to be intelligent and passionate about education and the opportunity to be a part of our School Committee for its continuous improvement.

Melissa possesses the important quality of seeking professional collaboration toward common goals. And, when there are differences of opinions of what those goals are, Melissa's professionalism will allow her to be adamant and strong in her convictions while not engaging in confrontation.

To me, in these times, I think these qualities, while ideal for the role of School Committee member, are also a great example of leadership for our children to witness and follow.

Please join me in supporting Melissa Plowman for School Committee on Saturday, April 24.

Thank you,
Michael Champoux

Tewksbury selectmen candidate committed to town

To the editor,
I have known Todd Johnson for over 20 years. During that time I have seen his commitment to the town through his work on the Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen, Tewksbury Food Pantry and as Moderator. In each of these

roles he always had a positive effect on the town.

Please join me on Saturday, April 10 in casting one of your two votes for Todd Johnson for Selectman.

Thank you,
Jay Kelley

Cutelis' experience a reason to send him back to Tewksbury School Committee

Dear editor,
We are writing in support of Jamey Cutelis for Tewksbury School Committee.

Over the past year, during these unimaginable times, Jamey Cutelis and his fellow School Committee members have worked tirelessly to keep "education" on the forefront.

Jamey has extensive experience, serving on the School Committee for nine years, which is a critical component [more than ever] in helping to reinforce policies, navigate through fis-

cal/budget uncertainties, and work in concert with our first-rate administration and our top-notch educators.

In closing, Jamey knows what it will take to keep our schools on the right track moving forward. Please consider a proven/positive difference-maker in Mr. Jamey Cutelis on April 10 in our Town Election.

Sincerely,
Jay & Mary Kelly
Tewksbury

Tewksbury selectmen Ferdinand candidate receives UAW backing

To the editor,
Dear George,
We are happy to inform you that the UAW Region 9A MA CAP Council has endorsed your candidacy for selectmen in the Town of Tewksbury.

We wish you the best of luck in your campaign.

Sincerely,
Deborah Wright, Esq.
CAP Representative
Political Director

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COVID generation students need added educational aid

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Member of Board of Winchester Hospital

While I do not like the use of the terms "COVID generation," Catherine Rampell of the *Washington Post* has commented that "absent other interventions, this generation might be held back for the rest of their lives by this year's long interruption in their learning, resulting in lower educational attainment and reduced earnings."

This could be the case for several students.

She adds that "researchers at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco recently estimated that pandemic-related learning disruptions will reduce the size of the economy over the next 70 years."

I am not sure that I buy into this statement but there is no question that a great deal of make up is essential because of the time lost from the normal education face to face, teacher-student interactions.

Rampell cites the need for additional funding for education that is essential

and says that "the Learning Policy Institute has estimated that it would cost \$36 billion to provide just 20 additional days of schooling for half of the country's students." She makes the point that "both Biden's budget request and the House Democrats' reconciliation bill sets aside less (closer to \$29 billion) specifically for learning losses."

This issue will be the topic of many future news stories and legislative efforts at the federal, state and local levels for years to come.

TOWN ELECTIONS AND WALKERS brought out the local folks over the weekend as Winchester Center was a beehive of activity with officials running for office and their supporters who had the town center packed with relatives and friends, as the campaigns are in full swing for town office.

The orderly group took advantage of the beautiful Saturday weather as the temperatures rose into the 70s for much of the day.

Woburn also had a large turnout as the shores of Horn Pond were packed with walkers, who also took advantage of the

warm weather to check out the shores of the pond and get some exercise. This location is a weekend regular event for many folks as they can see some great sites as well as some beautiful sunsets as was the case this past Saturday.

One observation both in Winchester and in Woburn was that the people continued to be vigilant locally to wear their masks and maintain the suggested distance which is advised by all of the medical folks.

MORNING PULSE EXTRACTIONS include the following: Healthcare employment falls for the first time since last April; High school students need financial literacy courses; Kentucky House passes bill creating hybrid pension plan for future teachers; Oil hits highest level in one year, posts best week since October; South Korea unveils \$43 billion plan for world's largest offshore wind farm; Death threats and hate forces Hedge Funds to step up security; Silicon Valley is touted as hot office market after coronavirus ebbs (real estate report); Kroger offers \$100 bonus to

employees who get vaccinated; Hedge Funds resume role as Wall Street's villains; Philanthropy amid the pandemic: adding spouse's name to accounts helps smooth transitions after a death; Medical professionals speak on effectiveness of Remdesivir for hospitalized COVID-19 patients; Genetics, the next frontier of healthcare; Yellen predicts full US employment next year; 100 percent of new US power capacity came from solar and wind in November; Is farming with reclaimed water the solution to a drier future? Where were all the masks in the Super Bowl commercials? Will the pandemic change higher education for good? Giving to higher education was flat in 2020 (new report says); New early predictor of mild cognitive decline may be key to Alzheimer's prevention; Main Street banks are doing better than Wall Street firms; US and Canadian natural gas prices soar during arctic freeze; Big business squirms as Biden tightens climate regulations and renters in race for space as demand rises.

Wilmington School Com. candidate Ragsdale a 'steady hand'

I support David Ragsdale for School Committee. He is a strong and passionate supporter of the academic, physical, and emotional health of our children. As a father himself, he played an active role as a coach and mentor for young athletes and remains an active member of our community.

As a current member of the School Committee, he asks thoughtful questions to thoroughly examine challenges, opportunities, and the impact of potential de-

cisions. He is open to feedback and listens well to understand and examine an issue from different angles.

He has proven to be a steady hand in a highly unpredictable past year, and would continue to support our community. I am voting for David Ragsdale for school committee on April 24.

Thank you,
Kate Mitchell
Mom, wife, professional,
public school believer,
Wilmington resident

Johnson has experience for Tewksbury selectmen seat

To the editor,
Please cast your vote for Todd Johnson as selectman on Saturday, April 10 in Tewksbury.

We have known Todd for years, he cherishes Tewksbury and is constantly striving to make it a better place for all residents. He is a known quantity who will be transparent with all issues, listen to every resident, and make decisions that are best for the town.

He has proven his leadership skills in many capacities for the town. When we were going through difficult financial times in the past it was Todd who helped get us on a stable, sound, path.

As we emerge from the pandemic we are going to

need a strong leader like Todd to help us. He is the person best suited for the board of selectmen in the upcoming election.

Todd has also been a leader at the Tewksbury food pantry for countless years. His children grew up in town, he coached them on local sports teams. Anybody who was lucky enough to be coached by him learned more than just a sport, they learned how to be a teammate, friend, and an all around better person.

We urge you to elect Todd Johnson as selectman on April 10, experience matters and Todd Johnson has that experience.

Rich & Kathy Levasseur

Family of Mackey III wants support for Tewksbury Board of Selectmen seat

Dear editor,
We are writing to introduce to the voters of Tewksbury the James F. Mackey III we have known for many years.

James, a fourth-generation resident, is running for the Board of Selectmen to continue the tradition of service to the town his family began decades ago. John Mackey proudly served as Chief of Police for Tewksbury, and then a selectman. John's brother, Rick Mackey, proudly served as Chief of the Tewksbury Fire Department. Their father, Dick Mackey, was a police officer in town for many years.

For his part, James is a U.S. Army veteran, having served his country for 13 years. He is now a Tewksbury homeowner, employed as a cybersecurity engineer, and respectfully asks his fellow residents for their votes on April 10.

In issuing an endorsement, James' former commander characterizes him as demonstrating "integrity and a commitment to service and excellence that made him an invaluable member of our team. He has translated these skills and abilities in his civilian endeavors and has the energy and enthusi-

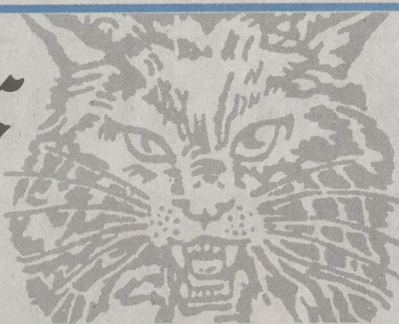
asm to make a difference in his community."

As "senior" members of James' family, we'd like to second that assessment and provide some insights into his character. James is running on a platform of professionalism and accountability, and those qualities encapsulate the "squared away" young man we have watched him grow into.

One may say we are biased, and to that we say, touché. We have had the pleasure of seeing James become a strong, caring, independent and highly intelligent gentleman who is always willing to listen, learn and step up to help those who need it. Since his run began, James has impressed citizens across the political spectrum.

James will bring new ideas and new energy to the Tewksbury Board of Selectmen, and we ask you to consider joining us to vote for him on Saturday, April 10.

Thank you,
Rita Mackey O'Brien
Dee
Allie Mackey Casazza
Theresa Mackey Berube
Carol Lombardi Mackey
James F. Mackey I



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2021

Shawsheen Tech veteran wrestling coach honored

The Mark Donovan Gymnasium officially pinned down

By MIKE IPPOLITO
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BILLERICA - If you want to get an idea of just how much Shawsheen wrestling coach Mark Donovan means to the Shawsheen community, all you had to do was check out the scene at Shawsheen last Thursday night, when the school's gym was dedicated in his honor, to be known going forward as the Mark Donovan Gymnasium.

In the days before the pandemic, an event such as this likely would have filled the newly named gymnasium, but in this new age of social distanc-

ing, a small crowd consisting mainly of Donovan's family and closest colleagues gathered to honor him in a great ceremony in the lobby of the gym that would soon be named in his honor.

But sometimes you just have to give the people what they want, so when more and more of Mark's friends and colleagues wanted to be a part of his big night, they were allowed, unbeknownst to the coach, to gather outside the building. When the ceremony inside the school ended, Shawsheen superintendent Brad Jackson announced that "a handful" of people had

gathered outside the doors to greet Mark.

When the doors opened however, a group of well over 100 people had gathered outside to greet Donovan, who was met with exploding confetti, thunder sticks, Red Rider's "Lunatic Fringe" blasting over the loud speakers, and most of all huge applause and cheers from the crowd of supporters. For Donovan, the gym dedication ceremony was emotional enough, but opening the doors to see a huge throng of supporters was almost too much to take.

DONOVAN C9W



Last Thursday night, the Shawsheen Tech School Department officially named the high school gymnasium after longtime wrestling coach Mark Donovan. He poses underneath the entrance sign along with his wife Patti and their sons, Shawn and Matt. To the left is the beautiful brass plaque made in his honor.

(photos by JoeBrownphotos.com).

COACH MARK DONOVAN GYMNASIUM

"WE, AS A WRESTLING COMMUNITY, BETTER REMEMBER THAT IT IS MORE THAN ONE INDIVIDUAL THAT MAKES A WINNER."
-DAN GABLE



DURING THE PAST THREE DECADES, COACH DONOVAN HAS BUILT A CHAMPIONSHIP COMMUNITY AT THIS SCHOOL WITH THE ENTHUSIASTIC ASSISTANCE OF ATHLETES, COACHES, PARENTS, TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS AND STUDENTS—ALL OF WHOM HAVE SUPPORTED HIS HALL-OF-FAME CAREER WITH A SENSE OF LOYALTY, RESPECT, AND ADMIRATION. IN HONOR OF HIS ROLE AS COACH, MENTOR, FRIEND, AND COMMUNITY BUILDER, THIS GYMNASIUM IS DEDICATED TO COACH MARK DONOVAN.

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The numbers don't lie!

With just 21 members, track team 2-0

By JAMIE POTE
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WILMINGTON - When there's ten individual events and two relays, it's safe to say that you need all hands on deck when it comes to competing in a track-and-field meet.

Despite having just 21 members on the team, the Wilmington High girls squad somehow has come out of the gate flying, posting another win.

On a gorgeous Saturday morning, the Wildcats edged out Wakefield, 55-45, in a Middlesex League Freedom Division contest held at the Frank Kelley track.

The Wildcats are now 2-0 on the season.

"Wakefield is always a tough team and we knew we had our hands full," said head coach Brian

Schell. "They have far more depth and experience than Burlington so we knew we were in for a battle. The meet ended up being tied heading into the relays and the team was ready for it. We prepared for it to come down to the wire and the girls were ready."

The score was 45-45 with the 4x200 and the 4x400 relays remaining. The 4x200 was first and the team of Madison Mulas, Alison Doherty, Molly MacDonald and Kaitlyn Doherty, Alison's older sister, got the call.

"It was a battle to the finish line," said Schell, as Wilmington combined for a time of 1:56. "Madison had a strong start giving us a step ahead handing off to Alison. She took off strong but unable to hold on handing the baton to

Molly about five yards back. She too ran strong, not losing any ground and I knew Kaitlyn would put us back in contention. Kaitlyn as well looked solid taking the lead 75 meters in and hanging on giving us the win by only one second. The girls looked great and clearly a valiant effort."

Now with the five point lead, if Wakefield won the last event the 4x400, the meet would end in a tie. And no one likes ties. The foursome of Angie Zaykovskaya, Katie McLaughlin, Maggie Bourgeois and Amanda Broussard made sure that the 'Cats would be adding to the left hand column, not adding a third column onto their team record with the win, clocked at 4:32.

"I knew we had the stronger 4x400 team and with Angie Zaykovskaya starting off, she gave us a solid lead handing off to Katie," said Schell. "After that, we never looked back as the lead increased each leg from Maggie to Amanda and overtaking Wakefield by thirteen seconds. Much like the 4x200, these girls also looked solid and had a valiant effort."

One girl from each of those relay teams, Kaitlyn Doherty and Zaykovskaya, already had busy days, which makes their performances down the stretch that much more impressive. Doherty had already taken ten points, winning the 55-meter dash at 7.1 seconds and taking



Freshman Alison Doherty is all smiles as she comes down the home stretch of one of her races during the track meet held at Burlington nearly two weeks ago.

(photo by Bob DeChiara).

TRACK C3W

Wilmington Youth Hockey offering a pair of \$500.00 scholarships

The Wilmington Youth Hockey Organization is seeking applicants for this scholarship valued at \$500.00. Applicants should have played in the league at least two years and currently reside in Wilmington.

The two available \$500.00 scholarships will only be awarded to two high school seniors who are continuing their education at an accredited trade school or college. Awards will be made based on merit, academics, work

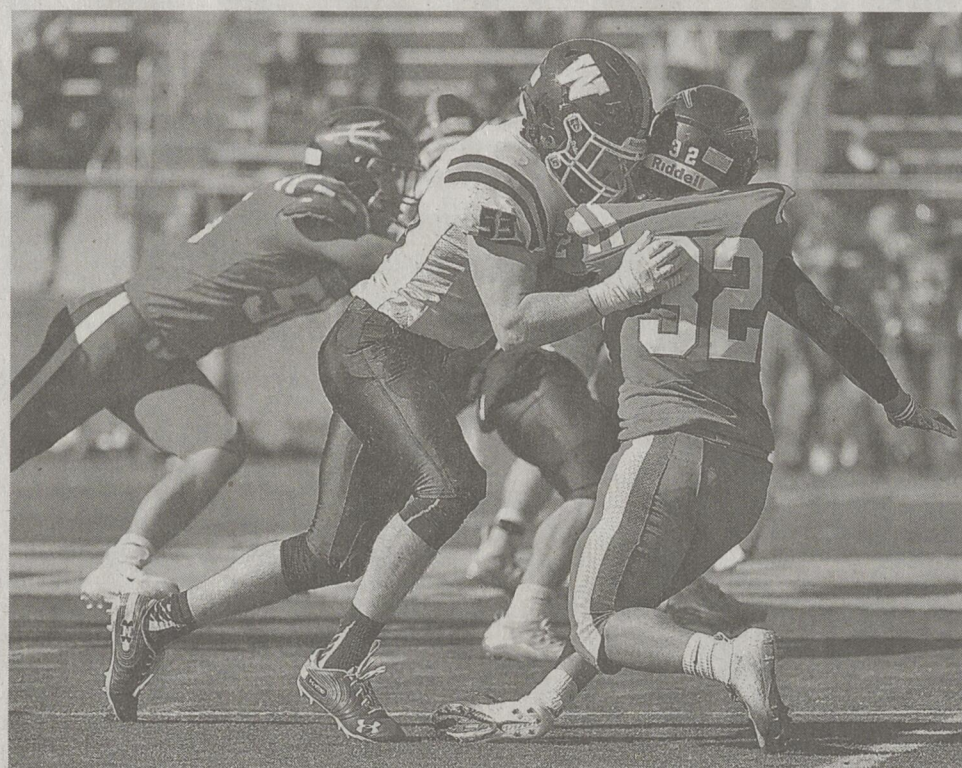
ethic, and community service.

Further information about the application, required information, references, and essay are available online at <http://wilmingtonyouthhockey.org/> or you can contact Kathi O'Donoghue at

wyha.scholarship@wilmingtonyouthhockey.org.

Deadline to submit all portions of this application process is April 28, 2021.

Wildcats get defensive about strong start



On the left, Wilmington High senior captain Shane Roberts (32) blocks Burlington's Adam Eldeeb and above Roberts along with Stephen Smolinsky combine to make the tackle on Nick Berglund. (photos by Bob DeChiara).

Football team 2-0 and has given up just two points in two games

By MIKE IPPOLITO
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WAKEFIELD - Former New England Patriots head coach Bill Parcells was fond of saying "You are what your record says you are," in regards to his football team. What he meant by that statement is that it does no good to make an excuse for a loss, while at the same time a win is a win regardless of how you get it, because wins are hard to come by.

With that attitude in mind, it's easy to think the Big Tuna probably would have used those exact words to describe what the Wilmington High Football team has accomplished so far this

season. It hasn't always been pretty for the Wildcats in the early going, but two games into the season, they are 2-0. Their latest came this past Saturday in a 9-2 triumph over Middlesex League Freedom Division rival Wakefield at Landrigan Field in a game where, for the second week in a row, they turned in a dominant defensive performance.

Saturday's win marked the first time Wilmington has started the season 2-0 since 2017.

The Wildcats limited Wakefield to just four first downs in the game, two in each half, limiting the Warriors to 146 yards of total offense, with 65 of those yards coming on

one play.

Defensively, for the second week in a row, they did not allow the opposing offense to score any points, with the Warriors only points coming on a first half safety. This came on the heels of a 3-0 season opening win over Burlington last week.

The two points in two games marks the least amount of points the Wildcats have given up in the first two games of the season since 2000, when they began the season with shut out victories over North Andover (27-0) and Masco (31-0). It was also the first time the Wildcats had given up exactly two points in a game since 2006, a 36-2

win over Lawrence.

Wilmington meanwhile, picked up just six first downs of their own in the game and had a lot of difficulty moving the ball after a great drive to start the game. But they got just enough offense to stay perfect on the season, scoring on their first possession of the game, and then adding a late third quarter field goal to provide the margin of victory.

"We continue to grow and we continue to get better," Wilmington coach Craig Turner said. "We still have some things to work on and we need to clean some things up, but we are 2-0. If you are going to play bad, you may as well end up with

more than your opponents at the end.

"But, with that said, I have to tip my cap to my brother (defensive coordinator Sean) and the defense. They have been absolutely fantastic."

At the outset, the offense looked like they were in for a big game of their own, as they marched 71 yards on eight plays on the opening drive of the game, capping the drive with a two-yard burst up the middle by senior running back Stephen Smolinsky. The score was set up one play earlier by a 38-yard pass from junior quarterback Pedro Germano to junior receiver Gavin Erickson to give the Wildcats a first and goal at the two. Germano was 3-for-3 on the drive for 56 yards.

The extra point attempt was blocked, and the Wildcats held just a 6-0 advantage with 7:24 left in the first quarter.

"What you saw out of us in that first drive is what we can be, and then our drive later in the third quarter when we were kind of grinding it away, that is who we can be too," Turner said. "But we just continue to make critical mistakes at big points."

The Wilmington offense stalled from that point on for the rest of the half, but it hardly mattered thanks to an incredible defensive effort by the Wildcats, who were constantly in the Warriors backfield dropping their running backs for a loss of yardage. There were multiple defensive stars for the Wildcats, but a few did stand out for stellar efforts.

Senior captain Shane Roberts and Smolinsky led the way for the Wildcats with multiple tackles for losses, while junior Nate Rebinskas had a fumble recovery and an interception. But they were not alone in their efforts.

"We play with a ton of effort on defense," Turner said. "When I put on the film, what I like most is I see eleven kids run to the ball and we tackle. It's really been impressive. The game plan the staff has been putting together and the way the kids are executing it have been great."

"Our front seven is as good as any we have had since I have been here, between (Marcello) Misuraca, Smolinsky and Roberts at linebacker, and our defensive ends (John) Rhind and (Luke) Murphy have been fantastic, and our defensive tackles (Dylan) Clerico and (Jake) Chirichiello have been really good for us."

The Wildcats were so good on defense in fact, that even when things went well for the Warriors, the Wildcats still came up with a big play. After holding the Warriors to just four yards of total offense in the first quarter, Wakefield finally got a spark on just the second

play of the second quarter, when Wakefield sophomore quarterback Javin Willis broke free on a keeper and raced 65 yards deep into Wilmington territory.

Erickson, however, made the play of the game for the Wildcats' defense, knocking the ball out of Willis's hands at about the 15-yard line. The ball rolled to the one-yard line, where Wilmington took over.

Three plays later, Wakefield would score their only points of the game when Germano was called for intentional grounding while attempting a pass out of the end zone, giving Wakefield a safety and making the score 6-2 with 8:24 left in the first half.

This is how the teams would go to the half, and the score would remain that way for much of the third quarter, until Wilmington put together the other drive Turner had referred to when discussing his team's offense, marching from their 35 all the way to the Wakefield 15. That is where the drive stalled, however, and the Wildcats had to settle for a 32-yard field goal by Smolinsky to make the score 9-2 with 17 seconds left in the third quarter. Smolinsky and Erickson keyed the drive with back to back runs of 18 yards.

Wakefield tried to mount a comeback on the ensuing possession, but after picking up one first down, Rebinskas came up with his second big play of the game for the Wildcats, picking off a Willis pass at midfield.

Wakefield tried one last time to mount a comeback, when they took over with 1:39 left in the game. But after picking up their second first down of the half, and fourth of the game on a 20-yard run by Willis on first down, the Wildcats defense did what they had been doing all game, and shut down the Warriors.

With a road clash at Middlesex League powerhouse and 2019 Super Bowl champion Melrose set for this Saturday at noon time, Turner knows his team will have to be better than they were in this one. But he is eager to see what they can do against their talented opponents.

"You know exactly what you are going to get out of Melrose," Turner said. "They are going to line up and they are going to run power, they are going to run iso and they are going to run outside zone and they are going to throw it. Their quarterback (Brendan Fennell) is one of the best in the state. That is going to be a real test. We will see how good we are. It is going to be a much stiffer competition this week, but I am excited. This is what you want. You want to play the best."

Box Score and Season Stats next page.



Above, Wilmington High junior quarterback Pedro Germano has his eyes on Burlington's Sami Ahmed, who is trying to get after him, and below from left, John Germano, Garret Moretto, Brett Ebert and Nate Rebinskas celebrate after the defense made a big play in the team's season opening win over Burlington. (photos by Bob DeChiara).



Wildcats show a lot of grit to overcome Wakefield

By JAMIE POTE
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WILMINGTON - It could have gone either way, and had they lost, it would have been a tough one to swallow since the talent is there to win.

On Saturday, the Wilmington High School Boys Track-and-Field team not only displayed that talent, but showed that grit and determination, fighting off another talented team Wakefield, 52-42, in a classic track-and-field meet held at the Kelley Memorial Track.

Coming off a tough, close loss to Burlington seven days earlier, the 'Cats were hoping to even out their record in this abbreviated Fall-2 season. If they were going to do that, they need several different athletes and groups of athletes to step up and they certainly did. "Last week our distance and mid-distance runners carried our team effort against Burlington. This week the sprinters and jumpers bounced back and carried us in a tight victory over a talented and deep Wakefield squad," said Wildcat head coach Mike Kinney. "Wakefield has dominated cross country in the Middlesex League for the last few years.

"We knew that they had a deep group of distance

runners who train intensely. We have a strong core of distance and mid-distance runners in (Sean) Riley, (Owen) Surette, Sean Lydon, Pat O'Mahony and Aidan McGrath, but we were concerned that we did not have the depth in those events to carry us. We called on the sprinters and jumpers to rise to the occasion and they certainly did."

Wilmington swept the first two events the high hurdles and the 55-meter dash to start out leading 18-0. In the hurdles, the trio of Sam Juergens (8.4), Chris Wong (8.9) and John Ware (9.2) finished in order and all with personal records.

Then in the dash, it was Jeandre Abel (6.7), Colton Sullivan (6.9) running personal bests for first and second and third at Isaac Avila (7.3).

"At that point, we felt pretty good but we knew they would come back strong," said Kinney.

Wakefield came away with a first and second in the mile, a first and third in the 1,000 and then they swept the two-mile. Thankfully, Riley took a third in the mile at 4:47.6, McGrath was second in the 600 at 1:29.8 and Sean Lydon was second in the 1,000 at 2:47.2. Now Wakefield had a 23-22 lead.

Willie Stuart, who had just a phenomenal day, took first in the 300 at 38.4 seconds while teammate Anay Gandhi was third at 40.9. Stuart's performance against the league's best runner, all but got the 'Cats back into the meet, score wise.

"Wakefield has a middle distance runner named Bradley Diaz, who ranks as one of the best in the state in the 600," said Kinney. "He has a personal best of 1:22, so we know he posed a formidable challenge in that event. He also has the league best time for the 300 as well. He won the 600, and then came back in the 300. Stuart edged out Diaz at the finish line with a gutsy 38.4 second time. That was an awesome race. Willie would not be denied."

At that point, the Wildcats trailed 34-29 and that's when the field event guys came through with flying colors. Juergens won his second event of the day, clearing 5-7 in the high jump, Stuart was second clearing 5-1. Sullivan was the best in the long jump with a mark of 17-4 and then Liam Lydon and Ware finished in second and third in the shot put with throws if 28-9 and 28-8.50.

"Coach (Joe) Patrone did a great job this week getting the sprinters and

jumpers ready. He is invaluable to the team," said Kinney.

Those gutsy performances had Wilmington was up by five at 47-42 at needed to win one of the final two events, either the 4x200 or the 4x400.

"The last few years their 4x400 relay team has been fantastic, so we knew we were going to be our best to win that race," said Kinney. "Fortunately, the 4x200 team of Avila, Sullivan, Stuart, and Abel all ran awesome splits to clinch the victory. As

expected, their 4x400 team was stacked and they edged us out by a tenth of second."

Stuart was absolutely immense in this meet as he finished with 14.25 points on the day.

Currently, Abel (dash) and Juergens (hurdles) have the best times in the league, while the 4x200 relay team is just a tenth of a second off.

This Saturday, Wilmington will face Melrose.

"Looking forward, we are looking to get a more

balanced attack and to outwork our opponents. In this league, you have to be sharp to beat Burlington and Wakefield, so we are looking to challenge those two in the Spring season. Many young kids are emerging, and the team dynamic has been awesome, which is really a testament to the seniors. As for now, this win was pretty sweet, but we are still hungry and want to keep improving everyday.

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Above, Wilmington's Aidan Burke attempts to clear the hurdles and below Jon Magliozzi in the middle of his race during the track team's season opener meet at Burlington.



The numbers don't lie!

GIRLS TRACK FROM C1W

the long jump at 14-1.50. She finished it up with a 27.72 split in the relay, giving her 11.25 of the team's 55 points on the day.

"Both meets now Kaitlyn has looked solid in the dash, taking first both times," said Schell. "She has great reaction to the gun and her power through the line is great too. While not her best long jump, she still managed some good attempts to get the points we needed. While anchoring the relay as well, she just took off on their leader and battled to the finish line simple showing great strength on top of that speed."

As for Zaykovskaya, she continues to make giant strides. She took first in the 600-meter event with a personal best time of 1:49.7.

"Both meets now Angie

has pushed a personal record in the 600. She managed to get out slower than last time, but finished strong overall. She progressed by at the perfect time heading into the last 200-meters and battled to the end winning by a stride. It was great to see her carry that momentum heading into the relay. She fought strong again there as well building a comfortable lead for the others."

The other first places came from Kayla Flynn in the high jump, clearing 4-8, Celia Kulis with a personal record of 9.3 seconds in the 55-meter hurdles, and Amanda Broussard in the 300-meters with a time of 43.7 seconds.

Flynn picked up a second in the hurdles with a best time of 9.9, Kulis was second in the high jump clearing 4-8, and Flynn

also picked up a third in the long jump at 12-8.50. The three of them combined for 22 of the team's points.

McLaughlin also grabbed a second in the 1,000 with a time of 3:27.

Rounding out the scoring with third places included double-duty from Shea Cushing in the mile (6:10) and two-mile (personal best of 13:13), Mallory Brown in the 1,000 (3:37), Maggie Bourgeois in the high jump (4-2) and Alison Doherty with a personal record in the dash at 7.8 seconds.

"We have Melrose this Saturday and they are the defending Freedom Division champs. They are a very tough team and even stronger than Wakefield," said Schell.

WHS Football Box Score and Stats

Wilmington 9, Wakefield 2

Wilmington	(2-0)	6	0	3	0	-9
Wakefield	(0-2)	0	2	0	0	-2

WIL: Stephen Smolinsky 2 run (kick blocked)
WAK: Safety (intentional grounding in end zone)
WIL: Smolinsky 32 Field Goal

	Team Stats	
	Wil	Wake
First Downs	6	4
Rushes/Yards	36-100	23-119
Pass-Att-Int	6-12-0	3-12-1
Passing Yards	77	27
Total Yards	177	146
Fumbles-lost	0-0	3-3
Penalties-yards	9-55	2-10

Individual Stats

Passing: Wilmington, Pedro Germano, 6-for-12, 77 yards, 0 TD's, 0 INT's; Wakefield, Javin Willis 3-for-12, 27 yards 0 TD, 1 INT.

Rushing: Wilmington, Stephen Smolinsky 12-42, 1 TD; Marcello Misuraca 13-39, Gavin Erickson 6-10, Pedro Germano 5-9; Wakefield, Javin Willis 6-106, Tucker Stikeman 14-17, Nick Roberto 3 (-4).

Receiving: Wilmington, Gavin Erickson 2-47, Stephen Smolinsky 2-18, Marcello Misuraca 1-9, John Germano 1-3; Wakefield, Danny Hurley 2-23, Nick Roberto 1-4.

Season Stats

	Score by Quarters			
Wilmington	6	0	3	-12
Opponent	0	2	0	-02

	Team Statistics	
	W	Opp
First Downs	18	9
Rushes-Yards	83-260	45-137
Pass-Att-Int	9-12-0	7-21-2
Passing Yards	77	76
Total Yards	337	213
Penalties-Yards	15-103	5-40
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	4-3

Individual Stats

Passing: Pedro Germano 6-for-12, 77 yards, 0 TD's, 0 INT's
Rushing: Marcello Misuraca 26-110; Stephen Smolinsky 26-85, 1 TD; Gavin Erickson 19-68; Pedro Germano 12 - (-3).

Receiving: Gavin Erickson 2-47, Stephen Smolinsky 2-18, Marcello Misuraca 1-9, John Germano 1-3.

Scoring: Stephen Smolinsky, 1 TD, 2 Field Goals. 12 points.



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Season ending injury for Tewksbury native

Oberg hit hard with reoccurring blood clot issue

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Throughout his stellar baseball career - whether it be from little league to high school to college and to the pros - Scott Oberg has always dealt with adversity. He's handled every situation - poor outings, being sent down to Triple-A, or medical issues - with the utmost class, dignity and respect.

On the flip side of that, he's the same way whether he is the winning pitcher of an epic 13-inning playoff game, or when he tossed a three-hit shutout for the Tewksbury Redmen back in the day.

On Monday morning, he met with a group of reporters through a Zoom session in an emotional 33-minute long interview to discuss his latest challenge, one that may have ended his career in Major League Baseball as a reliever with the Colorado Rockies - but that's yet to be determined.

He doesn't know if he will ever pitch again. He doesn't know his future plans, but never said he was retiring.

As tough of a pill as that is to swallow, not knowing any of these answers, he remained first-class, responding to each question with nothing but honesty, sincerity and wearing a thousand hearts on his sleeve.

"I think it's too early to even consider anything, and whatever (my future) looks like," he said. "The main focus is day-to-day health, to make sure I stay on my medication, get in contact with the doctors and setting things up on the short term."

Last Wednesday, Oberg pitched in a 'B' game and things went well. The goal was to get him eight appearances and he would be with the Big Club for this Thursday's opener with the Dodgers. He was well on his way to that until something didn't feel right while playing catch on Thursday morning.

"I felt some tightness in the top of my forearm. I

noticed that my hand had kind of gone white and I started to feel numb. I started to get some cramping in my hand so I kept my throwing short that day," he said.

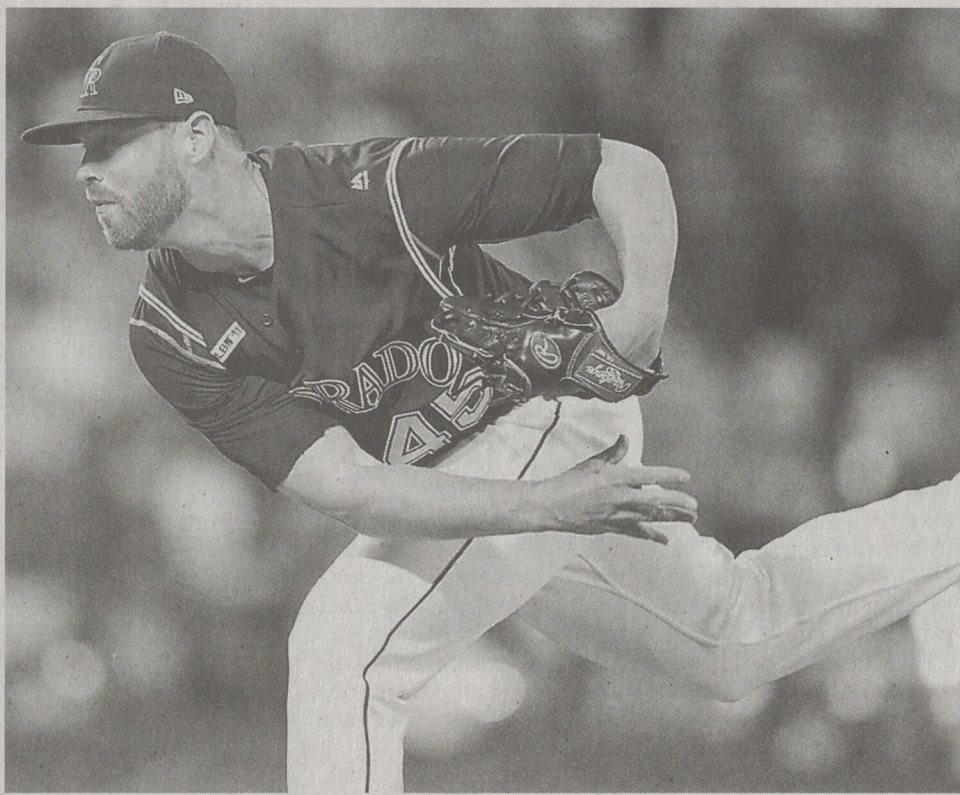
After some phone calls, he was met in the Emergency Room by a vascular surgeon, where he underwent an Angiogram test, before having a catheter run through his groin and up through his arteries. The next day, they went back in to clean everything out, making sure the clots were gone.

"You just never know what can happen when you have to take a trip to the emergency room. I just tried to take it in stride, get the best advice and care that I can possibly get from these doctors and these vascular surgeons who I have been fortunate enough to be around," he said. "I have been around some of the best guys in the country. It certainly can be very dangerous, especially if the clots break off and start heading towards the heart and the lungs. I have been told that the arteries have been away from those vital organs."

He was asked about his own emotional and mental state, going through this ordeal once again, after months of rehab.

"It is a little nerve-racking but really more nerve-racking for my family, more than myself," he said. "My wife (Diana) was amazing this whole past week. She's been at home (in New Jersey) during spring training, getting everything set up for the season, getting it set up for Denver and taking care of our daughter (Charlotte). Then this gets thrown on her plate kind of out of nowhere. She was a rock star the whole time. It was probably worse for her than it was for me."

Oberg has grown into a very popular player in Colorado. Besides management, coaches and teammates, he is adored by fans, because of his personality, as well as being one of the game's



Tewksbury resident Scott Oberg last pitched in the 2019, his best of his five seasons in Major League Baseball as a member of the Colorado Rockies.

(Associated Press photo).

top relievers for nearly a two-year stretch.

In 2017, he struck out Paul Goldschmidt and JD Martinez in the wild card loss to the Arizona Diamondbacks.

The next year, after being sent down to Triple-A for six weeks after scuffling in April, he came back to post an 8-1 overall record with a 2.45 ERA in 56 games and was the winning pitcher in the epic 13-inning wild card play-in game against the Cubs. Oberg struck out all four batters he faced - an outing that will forever be linked to him.

"I'll always remember that day, that night and that final pitch," said manager Bud Black to Nick Groke of The Athletic. "He's a vital member of our team, and well-liked. So when you get that news, it hurts. It's tough on guys. It's emotional."

In 2019, Oberg was 6-1 with a 2.25 ERA, appearing in 49 games. Pitching at the hitting friendly Coors Field in a season where home runs were going out left and right, he didn't allow a single round-tripper, a truly incredible statistic. In fact

he had a 1.71 ERA at home and held opposing hitters to a .191 batting average. That season was cut short when Oberg underwent thoracic outlet surgery in September. He came back for Spring Training in 2020 ready to go, only to be shut down due to the clots and had another procedure done. Again this season, he worked his way back and was pitching well over these last few weeks in the Cactus League.

"I felt pretty good and I was confident with the way I was throwing the baseball. My velocity was OK. I thought my breaking pitches were pretty good and I was putting a little bit more attention to my change-up. One of my goals was to increase the percentage of how I use that pitch this year. I was getting some pretty good movement on it and was pretty happy with it. I even got a couple of swings and misses which I don't normally get on that pitch."

Now he won't be able to work on his change-up. He's been put on the 60-day disabled list and it certainly appears that he will not pitch this season.

As for his future, he doesn't know that either.

"In general, baseball is going to be on my mind, it'll always be on my mind and has been on my mind since I was a kid and I started playing the game. It'll be with me and always on my mind as I move forward. Currently right now my thought process is just overall, general health, making sure that I am there for my family the best that I can be. My focus at this point, is just to get with the doctors, asking further questions and doing whatever they are asking me to do and move forward here."

Throughout his career, Oberg has had many medical challenges, which started in college. He had Tommy John surgery and also dealt with psoriatic arthritis, which forced him to use a cane to get out of bed every morning before medication ended that.

He was asked about being 'tough' since he's had to overcome so much in his baseball life.

"There's been times when I reflected on (the injury I had in college) and how it's paved a way

for me. I don't know if tough is the right word or not because I don't feel tough. To me, it's just the mental approach to the way I view things. The value system that was instilled upon me as a kid, with my brother (Jeff) by my parents (Boyd and Teresa). To me that's where it all started, having that solid foundation. I try not to get too upset about things that are out of my control. My college coach, Jim Penders, was kind of the same way. No matter what was going on, he was always at 72 degrees and you want to emulate that because it seems like a trait that can get you through a lot of difficult times. Certainly that has been the case for me.

"At the end of the day, I haven't had any regrets with any of the decisions that I have made in this game, even from going to UConn or wherever. I had other offers on the table at that time when I was an 18-year-old kid betting on myself essentially. I just took that mindset and attitude with me all the way through and even the times when I was struggling in my early part of my big league career. I was going back and forth between Albuquerque and Denver and it's easy to get wrapped up in yourself and think that you deserve more than what you are getting or you get upset because you are getting sent down again. Just persevering through those times too and those times people forget about."

"It's never been easy to be at the top of your field and have it taken away and essentially demoted because of performance or (other reasons). Sometimes guys will be sent down and you never see them again and that happens across the board. I think that's been the story for me - constantly overcoming the hurdles on a yearly or daily basis or whatever it is. I'm definitely proud of how I have handled those things and the way that I have thrown the ball."

Perennial state contender Melrose just too strong on the court



Setter Haeleigh Wilson gets ready to send a pass over to Mia Vestal during an earlier WHS Volleyball game played against Burlington. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

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MELROSE - From 2010-'19, the Melrose High School girls' volleyball team had a combined regular season record of 181-27. They made ten straight state tournament appearances, winning the Division 2 state championship in 2012, losing in the state final once, in the state semi-finals another time and twice in the North Sectionals.

Their Monday night opponent, Wilmington, has 96 wins dating back to 2004, which was the last time the program made the state tournament. So when the two teams met during this Fall-2 season league game - and without Wilmington's best player - certainly the heavy odds were in Melrose's corner.

Certainly those odds were too heavy to overcome as Melrose swept the 'Cats by scores of 25-8, 25-8 and 25-6.

"(Melrose's dominance) dates back to when I was in high school. We played them in the Division 2 North sectional quarterfinals and I'll never forget the feeling of beating them. And that was quite some time ago," said Wildcat first-year head coach Lauren Donoghue with a laugh.

Heading into this season, the 'Cats had basically a brand new team, playing a brand new system, under the direction of a brand new coach. Add to that, not being able to practice everyday, playing once a week, hav-

ing a roster full of inexperienced players, all the while not having much height for net play, and of that thrown together are just some of the reasons why the 'Cats are 0-5 on the season.

"We were defending a lot but they are just really strong at the net. Blocking wise they are smart and their hits were really strong and consistent," said Donoghue. "There's really not a lot that I can say that we did poorly as far as serve-receive. I mean there were a couple of serving runs that happened and that's kind of expected, but a couple of our girls had aces. It went back-and-forth in terms of serving, but (out struggles) were mostly because of our lack of aggression at the net and our lack of strength offensively."

One aspect that Donoghue said she hopes will improve upon immediately is communication on the floor.

"I think the girls genuinely played well together, but there's a lot that needs to be worked on in terms of communication," she said. "That was definitely one of our weaknesses tonight, lack of communication on the court. I think a big part of that is we have just two seniors, we have a lot of new players and the chemistry is understandably not there. It takes time to form, but the fact that they can't do normal team dinner things and we're not practicing everyday and those types

of things definitely build up on that. We have six new players on the team so it's taken some time to gel people's strengths together, too."

On Saturday, Wilmington was swept by Wakefield with scores of 25-14, 25-7 and 25-13.

"I was expecting us to push them to at least a fourth set. I think we are two evenly matched teams. They have a very skilled and smart setter and I think we got burned in certain situations at the net," said Donoghue. "Again it comes back to the lack of blocks and some of our hitters being intimidated by being blocked once and not being willing to take that chance again. That comes with experience and it also comes with that boost of confidence that you need with the more experience you get."

Haeleigh Wilson played well on Monday, and Alyssa Fricia and Lauren Hutchinson continue to play well on the defensive side.

"Lauren and Alyssa are both doing a really good job defending. I can't say enough about them because they have both saved us in a number of different situations," said Donoghue.

Wilmington will have a rematch with Melrose on Saturday before coming home to face Watertown on Tuesday starting at 7 pm.

Remembering the 2007-'08 WHS Boys Basketball team

The third and last trip to the Tsongas Arena

Over this winter season, we started the series on the most dominating WHS winter sports teams from previous seasons. The series started with the 2001-2002 Boys Basketball team and followed with stories on 2006-'07 Girls Hockey team, the WHS Wrestling seasons from 2000-01 and 2004-05, the 2006-'07 WHS Girls Basketball team, the 1983-'84 Boys Hockey team, the 2003-04 WHS Boys Basketball team and then the 2008 WHS Boys Hockey team.

The stories below are on the WHS Boys Basketball team, also from 2007-2008 season, come from the March 11th edition of the Town Crier.

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LOWELL -- It was much closer than it appears. But in any case, the Wilmington High School boys' basketball team just couldn't get over the hump, as too many turnovers were the difference in the team's 68-54 loss to Watertown in the Division 3 North sectional final played Saturday afternoon at the Tsongas Arena.

The Wildcats trailed by a basket two minutes into the second quarter, before Watertown took advantage of a handful of Wilmington miscues which led to a 11-2 run, opening the lead to nine points with 3:01 to go in the first half. The Red Raiders led by 15 at half-time, and 12 after the third quarter. Wilmington was able to get it down to eight with 1:18 to go, but Watertown closed out the game hitting seven free throws to close out the game with the double digit victory.

This was the fourth consecutive time Watertown had been in the North final, including winning the Division 3 state championship last year. The Red Raiders moved on to the TD BankNorth Garden for the Eastern Mass game on Monday, but were defeated by Scituate.

As for Wilmington, this was the team's third North Final appearance in the past six years, losing all three times. This was the team's fifth meeting against Watertown in the playoffs, losing for the fourth time. The seven-time Cape Ann League Champion Wildcats end the season with a remarkable 20-3 overall record.

"I knew there was one thing for sure and that was we weren't going to lose by 35 points to this team," said Wildcat head coach Jim McCune. "We were a little dejected at halftime being down by 15 points. But I think for our program we gained a lot of respect from people outside the Cape Ann League because even though it wasn't a two, three or four point game, we were competitive with them and they had to play to beat us. Like I told the kids, sometimes you won't win the game, but you'll earn people's respect and I think the kids won everyone's respect by the way they hung in there."

Seniors Matt Bibeau and Zack Fahey scored all of Wilmington's points in the first quarter as the 'Cats trailed 14-11. Kyle Borseti's lay-up, followed by Fahey's three-point play closed the gap to two points at 18-16 with 6:25 to go in the second quarter. After that, it was Watertown who went on that 11-2 run with all of the baskets coming from Benyam Kerman and Cory Stockmal, two outstanding players.

"I thought once we got them in the half court defense we would be fine, and I thought we played very well defensively," said McCune. "The thing with Watertown, which puts them a step ahead of

everybody else is their ability to create baskets off of turnovers. That was the story today. They scored a lot of baskets off of our turnovers and (those turnovers) just really took us out of our offense. We just really never had a lot of flow offensively."

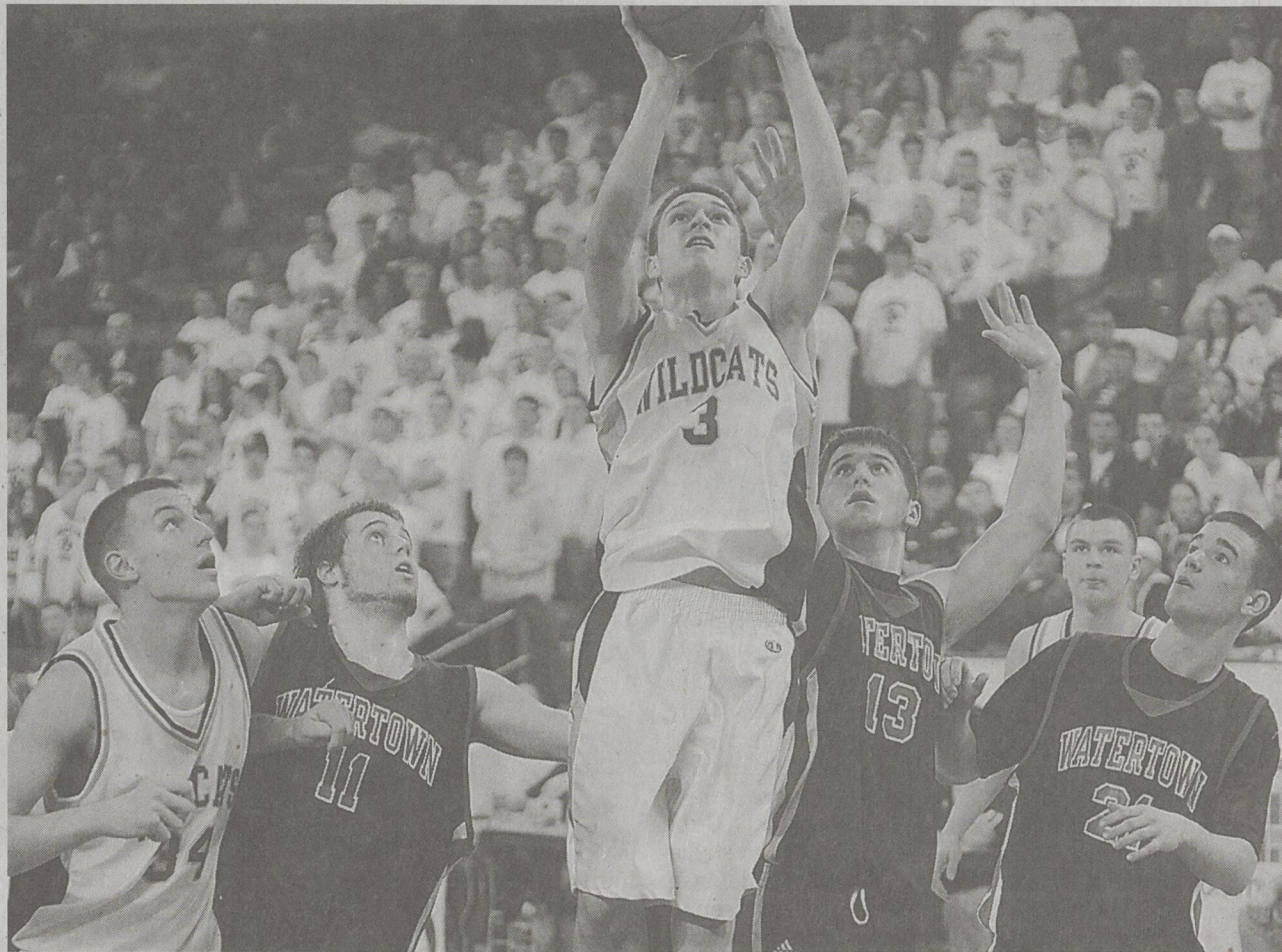
McCune pointed out that the biggest reason for the turnovers was the defensive play of Kerman.

"Once Kerman was in foul trouble, we were able to deal with their defense better," said McCune. "He's just extremely quick and he creates a lot of problems."

Wilmington had a lot of trouble running its offense and never could get the outside game going. Craig Melillo only took a few shots in the game - the deadly outside shooter, who sank the winning shot in the semi-final game, finished with eight points.

"We were never able to get any player or ball movement," said McCune. "Craig needs to get shots out of the flow of our offense but there was just no flow. There was no screening, no cutting - actually our best offensive play was to go inside to Matt. In the second half we were able to run a little bit and get Zack going a little bit but it was a rough game for Craig but all things being said, we wouldn't have been in this game without Craig."

"Obviously you want to play well and it was a rough game for him, but he'll bounce back next year and be a better player and continue to do some good things for us. I think (the problem) was ball handling in general, and it just so happens that Craig has the ball a lot."



Zach Fahey was a key figure in the success of the WHS Boys Basketball team from the 2007-'08 season.
(file photo/JoeBrownphotos.com).

Wilmington played tremendous defense in the third quarter holding Watertown to just 11 points and three field goals but again Wilmington couldn't get a jump start on its offense.

The Wildcats trailed by 12 after the third quarter, but cut it down to ten after Fahey went strong to the hoop with 5:23 to go. Watertown countered with the next five points to go back up by 15, but the Wildcats never quit. Fahey scored the game's next six points on a three-point play, a free throw and a put back making it 57-48 with 2:27 to go. Watertown converted on two free throws, before Melillo hit a free throw and Fahey put home a

lay-up off his own steal making it 59-51 with 1:18 to go and that was as close as the Wildcats would get.

"You would like to get the win, but I wouldn't trade these 15 kids for anything," said McCune. "It's been a wonderful year, especially the way we started out. We started out a little bit shaky but we were able to pull it all together. We finished 20-3 and most coaches will take that every year."

Fahey led the way with 23 points, followed by Bibeau who finished with 16 points and 10 rebounds. The loss meant that last game for the team's five seniors, Matt Bibeau, Evan Borseti, Matt Derian, Zack Fahey and

Kyle Moon.

"Who could have five better kids than that? We have five kids who really know what they want to do with their life," said McCune. "They come from tremendous families, they are so respectful and hardworking. They made this year great for me. They made this season easier for me, and what else can you say about them?"

SEMI-FINAL WIN OVER FENWICK

The ball rolled off his finger tips and hit nothing but net.

Craig Melillo's dramatic three-pointer with 11 seconds left in overtime, put the Wilmington High

School boys basketball team back to the Tsongas Arena for the third time in the past six years.

Trailing by three points with 1:20 to go, Wilmington lost senior center Matt Bibeau, who fouled out. That meant the Wildcats had no inside threat against Bishop Fenwick's 6-foot-7 junior center Mike Clifford, who could easily be one of the best players in the entire state. So Melillo stepped up with a jump shot with a minute to go cutting it down to a point. Senior tri-captain Evan Borseti then stole a pass with 35 seconds left, arguably the best clutch defensive play in the history of the program.

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Rams slip past another opponent

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BILLERICA – Despite being tied at halftime of Saturday's CAC matchup with arch rival Greater Lowell, the Shawsheen Tech Football team had looked out of sync for much of the half, not playing up to the standards they and the coaching staff had set for themselves.

The Shawsheen coaches undoubtedly let the players know that more was expected out of them at halftime, and it was a different Rams squad that showed up for the second half, on their way to a 13-7 victory over the Gryphons at Cassidy Field, improving the Rams to 2-1 on the season.

The win also enabled the Rams maintain control of the Collins Cup for another season, the 20th straight time they have taken home the coveted trophy emblematic of the winner in the annual rivalry game between the two schools.

Shawsheen coach Al Costabile knew going into this one that it was going to be a battle, with Greater Lowell eager to finally notch a win against the Rams, and the Gryphons certainly gave the Rams all they could handle.

"Greater Lowell came to play. They played really, really tough and their coaching staff did a great job of preparing them," Costabile said. "Both teams played really, really hard today. There was a lot on the line."

The winning touchdown for Shawsheen came on their opening possession of the third quarter. After stopping Greater Lowell on a fourth and one attempt from their own 25-yard line, Shawsheen took advantage of the great field position to take the lead.

But it was by no means an easy score for Shawsheen, despite the great field position. Two penalties on the drive totaling twenty yards had moved the Rams back to the 33-yard line where they faced a 3rd-and-21 situation. One play after a 15-yard penalty, the Rams took the lead for good on a tremendous

quish. "That was just a tremendous play. A tremendous pass and a tremendous catch," Costabile said. "Just two big time plays on both ends."

Greater Lowell did not quit, however, as they attempted to rally on their next possession, picking up a first down on a 12-yard run by senior quarterback Jacob Trzcienski, but two plays later, Shawsheen sophomore defensive back Mavrick Bourdeau picked off a Trzcienski pass to end the threat.

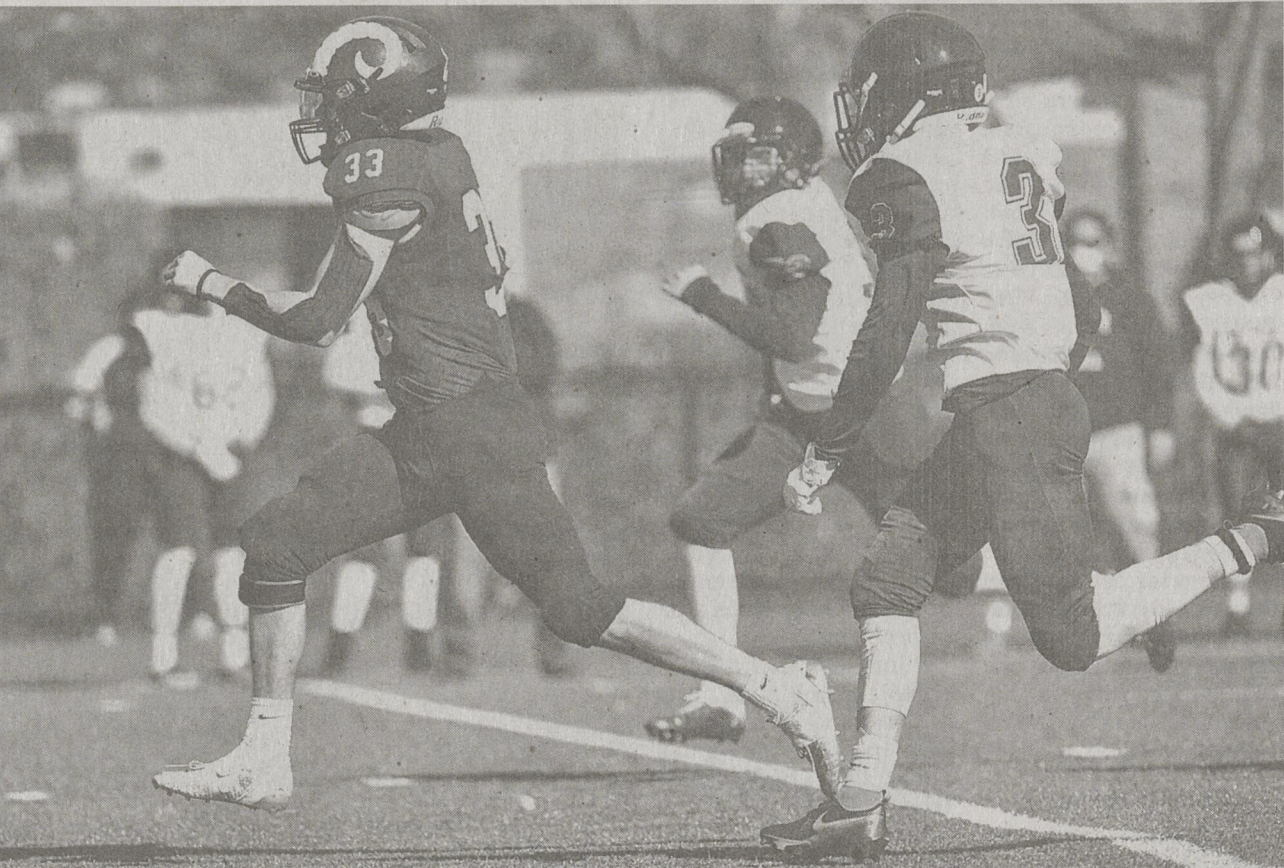
After a Rams punt, the Gryphons were at it again, this time setting themselves up with a first and goal at the Shawsheen seven yard line early in the fourth quarter when Trzcienski hooked up with senior wide receiver Gabe Neives on a 42-yard strike.

The Shawsheen defense, however, led by senior defensive tackle Jonah Varallo stepped up and pushed the Gryphons back, forcing them into a fourth and goal play from the ten yard line. On the ensuing play, for a moment it looked like Trzcienski had found an open receiver in the end zone, but at the last moment, Shawsheen's Dylan Timmons of Wilmington deflected the ball away to preserve the Rams lead and ultimately, the victory.

From there, Shawsheen took over on offense and Greater Lowell would never see the ball again, as the Rams went on a 13-play drive that moved the ball from their ten-yard line to the Gryphons 26-yard line, and more importantly completely killed the clock. Disciscio did most of the work on the game clinching drive, with two running plays of 11 yards each and another for 14 yards, along with a ten-yard pass to his favorite target of the day, Annino.

Senior running back Diondre Turner of Tewksbury clinched things for the Rams with a three-yard on fourth and one with 2:10 left in the game.

"This was a heck of a game," Costabile said. "It was a great football game. Neither team deserved to



In the Rams season opening win over Greater Lowell, Dylan Timmons breaks through for a big rush while being chased down by Nick Sawyer (#3).



The Shawsheen Tech Football team celebrated with the Collins Cup trophy after Saturday's win over Gr. Lowell. (courtesy photo).

tum when junior running back Nesly Sanival scored on a three-yard run up the middle with 20 seconds left in the half. Freshman Jayson Frasca's extra point tied the score at 7-7.

It looked like Shawsheen was going to come right back with a score of their own when Timmons returned the ensuing kickoff 70 yards for an apparent touchdown, but a holding penalty negated the score and the teams went to the break tied at 7-7.

In a ceremony after the game, MVP's of the game were named for each



Alex Newcomb (50) and Chris Disciscio (9) celebrate after a big play was made during an earlier season win for the Shawsheen Football team. (photo by Bob DeChiara).

Shawsheen Tech 13, Greater Lowell 7

Greater Lowell (1-2)	0	7	0	0	-07
Shawsheen (2-1)	7	0	6	0	-13
SH: Tim Annino 20-yard pass from Chris Disciscio (Randy Leavitt kick)					
GL: Nesly Sanival 3-yard run (Jayson Frasca kick)					
SH: Tim Annino 33-yard pass from Chris Disciscio (kick blocked)					

throw and catch from senior quarterback Chris Disciscio to senior wide receiver Tim Annino with 7:45 left in the third quarter. Disciscio rolled out to his left and under tremendous pressure found Annino in the corner of the end zone where the big wide receiver leapt over defenders to not only haul down the pass, but also stay in bounds for the touchdown.

The extra point attempt was blocked, but the Rams had a 13-7 lead that they would never relin-

lose. Both teams played their hearts out, and both programs should be proud of themselves."

Shawsheen had taken the lead early in the game, when Disciscio and Annino had hooked up for the first time in the game, this time from 20 yards out, with 7:12 left in the first quarter. The extra point kick from Randy Leavitt gave the Rams a quick 7-0 lead. They wouldn't score again in the first half, however, and Greater Lowell had seemed to seize momen-

team, with each team's quarterback winning the award, Trzcienski for Greater Lowell and Disciscio for Shawsheen.

The Rams will be back in action on Friday night when they hit the road for a 6:00 pm kickoff with CAC rival Greater Lawrence in a game with huge league title implications.

Greater Lawrence defeated Northeast this past weekend, after Northeast had beaten Shawsheen the week

before, so a win by the Rams over the Reggies will put them back on track to defend their league title from 2019.

"Today was another step forward. It's improvement and that is what you are looking for every week," Costabile said.

"Greater Lawrence is always tough, so we will need to keep getting better. We will have our hands full with them."

Rams swept by Greater Lowell

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BILLERICA – The Shawsheen Tech Volleyball team had seemed to be making some progress in recent matches despite not failing to pick up their first win of the season, suffering defeats in four and five sets where they appeared to be close to picking up their first win.

On Tuesday afternoon, the Rams seemed to take a bit of a step back in their quest for their first win as they suffered a 3-0 (25-20, 25-19, 25-15) defeat to CAC rival Greater Lowell at the Mark Donovan Gymnasium.

Shawsheen coach Kelsey Rapoza had seen the progress her team had been making and was a little disappointed to see them be less competitive in this match, as her team dropped to 0-7 on the season.

"It all comes down to communication. Once things start going badly, we start to make mistakes, like letting balls fall in between multiple players," Rapoza said. "That all comes down to communication and a mental game."

The Rams actually started off well in each of their sets in this match, staying very competitive early on, but each time the game would slowly slip away from them.

In the first set they trailed just 5-4 early on, and then later in the set, they put together a pair of rallies to

close within 15-14 and then 19-18 with Cade Barron and Kiley McFadden of Tewksbury each picking up big points, but each time, Greater Lowell would respond, eventually pulling away for the 25-20 victory.

In the second set, the Rams actually led 7-4 early on, and were tied at 12-12 midway through the set, before the Gryphons once again pulled away for the 25-19 victory. Making the loss even more difficult to swallow for the Rams was that several of the Gryphons points came off of unforced errors, such as serves that were either into the net or out of bounds.

"The missed serves and things like that were a big part of why we lost," Rapoza said. "We have been working on our serves, but as coaches we just have to work harder on that. But I know I sound like a broken record, but really it just comes down to communicating with each other on the court. If you don't have communication, you have nothing, so we have to work on that as well."

Two players who did play very well for the Rams were Bianca Corso of Tewksbury and Chloe Gaglione, of Wilmington, each of whom played very well in all aspects of the match.

"Bianca was our strongest person on the court today, between her passing, and her hitting, but mostly her attitude. She has completely turned that around



Isabella Schena sets the ball up for one of her teammates during an earlier season Shawsheen Tech volleyball match. (photo by Bob DeChiara).

VOLLEYBALL C9W

Remembering the Red Rangers' first ride to the TD Garden

The 2017-'18 team crowned Division 1 state finalists

Over the course of this winter season, we started a series looking past at the best winter sports teams in TMHS history. Previous stories have been done on the 1989 wrestling teams, the three consecutive TMHS Boys Hoop team in the mid 1970s, the 1974-'75 boys hockey season, the wrestling teams from 1975-'76 team as well as the '76-'77 team, the 1982 girls basketball team, the Boys Indoor and Outdoor Track teams of the mid 1990's, the 1995 state champion TMHS Boys Hockey team and below is the Tewksbury/Methuen girls' hockey team's story from the state championship game defeat to Woburn, held back during the 2017-'18 season.

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BOSTON - The Monday after Thanksgiving, a group of 22 girls, 16 from Tewksbury, gathered together at the Methuen High School Hockey Arena for the first practice of the season. Even before those 22 players hit the ice that day, they all knew that their was one goal for the upcoming season: get to the TD Garden.

Despite being bumped up to Division 1 in both league and state competition, the Tewksbury/Methuen Co-Op Girls' Hockey team found themselves skating at the Garden Ice on Sunday morning. Although the outcome didn't go the way the 22 players had wanted and dreamt over the last four-plus months, the fact that this program -- which is just in its sixth year of existence -- finished as the second best team in the state is certainly remarkable in itself.



The Tewksbury/Methuen Co-Op Girls Hockey team from 2017-'18 advanced to the state final, losing a 1-0 heartbreaker to Woburn.

(file photo/JoeBrownphotos.com).

Before a crowd of an estimated 1,500 fans, the No. 2 seed and defending state champions Woburn scored the lone goal of the game coming in the second period and held on from there to defeat the No. 4 seed Tewksbury/Methuen Red Rangers in the Division 1 state championship game.

The win for Woburn makes it two in a row, and fifth in school history (fourth in Division 1). The Tanners finished the season at 24-0-2 and outscored opponents 19-3 during this playoff run, while also combining to finish 45-2-4 over the last two years.

The Tewksbury/Methuen squad captured its fifth straight MVC Division Crown (first in

D1 after the previous four years in D2), set a program record for wins in a season with 21, set a playoff record with four wins in a season and finish the incredible season with a record of 21-2-2.

"You're playing at the Garden, you're giving your best effort, you have made it this far and it takes so much even to get to this game, so I think the (Tewksbury/Methuen players) need to hold their heads high because I think they gave a good effort, they were here and they played tough," said third-year head coach Sarah Oteri.

In the six years as a program, the Red Rangers have won five league titles, have gone a combined 102-19-12

under three head coaches, have advanced to the state semi-finals twice and the state final once.

Oteri was asked if she ever thought she would be coaching this team in the state championship game after taking over as head coach for the 2015-'16 season after then head coach Arianna Rigano had resigned to take the same position at Lexington High School.

"No, I couldn't. I really couldn't. When I first got offered this job I was like, 'a head coach's job? I'm not ready for that'. I called up my Dad and he said 'what, you didn't immediately take it?' But it's awesome.

"I love being around the game, I love being around the girls, they

care so much, they want it so bad and it makes going to coach everyday so easy because they want to be there," she said.

The game was scoreless after the first period with Woburn holding an 8-5 edge in shots. Their best chance to score came late in the period when Red Rangers' goalie Kaia Hollingsworth (19 saves) made back-to-back gem saves off the sticks of Georgie Santullo before throwing her left pad out to stop Marissa Gregory on the rebound.

Both teams killed off penalties in the early goings of the second period. Just 15 seconds after Woburn's penalty ended, the Tanners scored as Gregory was behind the net and fed Kaitlyn Delaney in front, and her one-timer found the back of the net for the lone goal of the game.

"It's unbelievable and to get back here again was such a special thing," said Woburn head coach Bob MacCurtain, who has been behind the bench for all 18 years of the program including the five titles. "They are a very good team, good offensively so we played a really good game in our own end today. We took away a lot of shooting lanes and we were opportunistic when we got a chance."

Tewksbury/Methuen had a hard time generating any kind of legitimate scoring bids especially through the first two periods.

"They did a great job of protecting their goalie and protecting the front of their net," said Oteri. "We couldn't get by that. We did control the puck a lot and I was proud of them for controlling the puck and trying to make plays. Sometimes that just happens (when you can't score) and you just hope that it doesn't happen in a championship game, but unfortunately tonight it did for us."

It seemed like too many times the Red Rangers' players were trying to make one too many moves with the puck, instead of shooting and getting bodies and traffic to the net.

"I think that happens with the nerves," said Oteri. "You want to get the best opportunity you can have so you try to get as close to that goalie as you can and that's not always the best way to do it but it's hard when you are a high school girl and you

are always trying to do the right thing, it just didn't work out in our favor."

The Red Rangers played much better in the third period and had that sense of urgency. The team had two decent scoring opportunities with Ryan Quinn taking a shot from the left hand circle and then defenseman Meghan Forbes -- who turned 17 on the day -- had a wrist shot from the right point which went through some traffic but was pushed aside by goalie Amanda Essigmann, who made 14 saves.

"They certainly did (play better in the third period), especially in the last few minutes of the game with the puck squirting around," said MacCurtain. "They played great in the third (period) and certainly the momentum had swung their way for sure. We just didn't want to hang on but it just sort of being that way."

"Again when we had opportunities to block shots and things like that, our seniors, instead of just icing it, they would get to the red line, throw the puck in deep and make them go 200 feet. I think that comes with being smart and having experience."

The Red Rangers pulled Hollingsworth for the extra skater with 1:23 left, and although they had all kinds of pressure, as well as controlling the puck, no one could get one to the back of the net.

"We knew that we had to be really good in our own end," said MacCurtain. "Take away shooting lanes, be tight on (Kelly) Golini specifically obviously, but we have been good defensively all season. We are young (back there) but they are all very good."

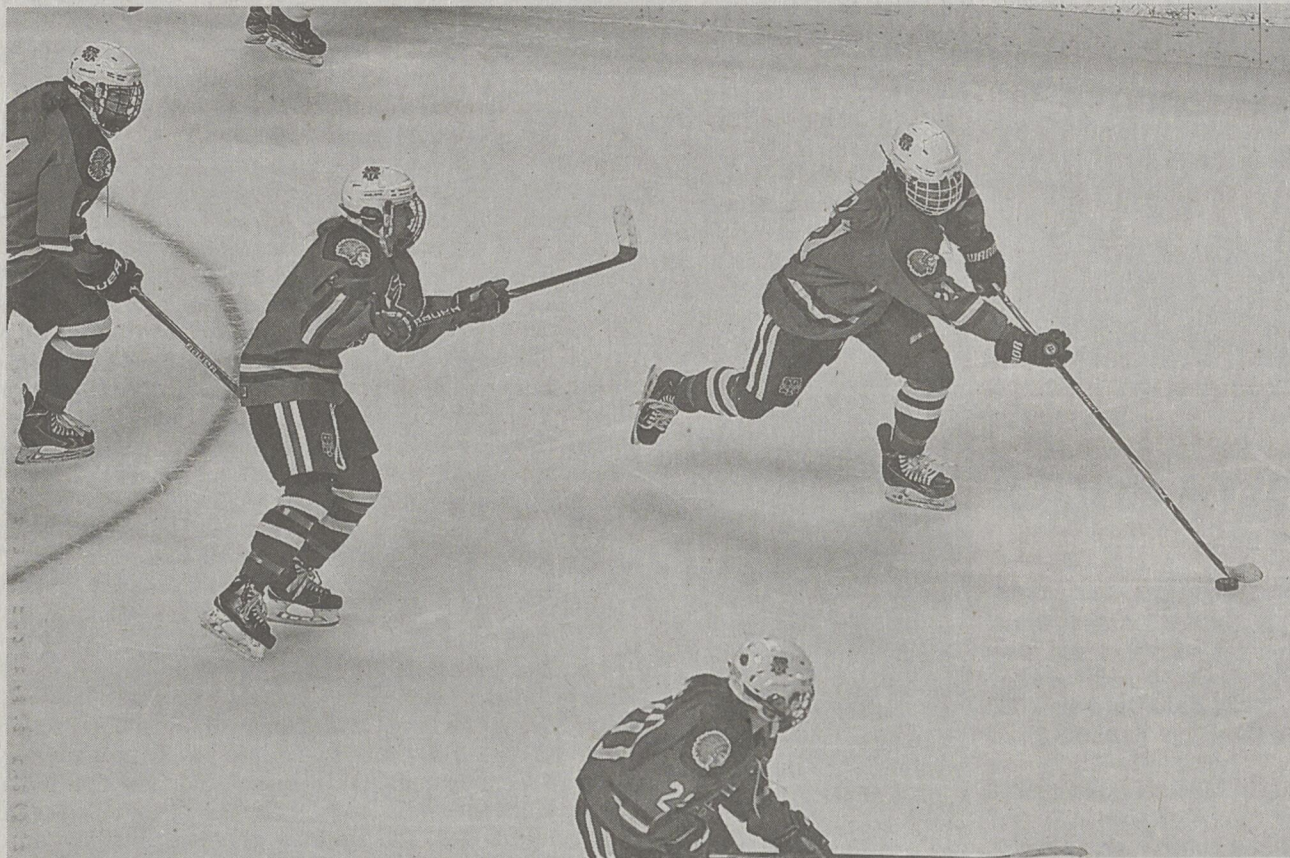
The game marked the end of the careers of four seniors, including captain Kelly Golini -- the all-time leading scorer in program history with 250 -- fellow captain Riley Cote, as well as reserve players Jessica Marchand and Amanda Downing. Golini, Cote and Marchand are from Tewksbury.

"Getting to the state final is phenomenal," said Oteri. "The girls just rise to every single expectation. We keep pushing the bar higher and they just keep responding and pushing it even higher. I think it is our culture now and our tradition and hopefully we will be back



Kaylen Taddia, a member of the Red Rangers from the 2017-'18 season, tries to steal the puck away in the team's state championship 1-0 loss to Woburn held at the TD Garden.

(file photo/JoeBrownphotos.com).



During the state championship game of the 2017-'18 season, Madi Sjostedt (top right) carries the puck out of the zone and was getting plenty of help from teammates Cassidy Grunning (far left) Brenna Greene (2nd from left) and Carolyn Curley (bottom).

(file photo/JoeBrownphotos.com).

Dominate Billerica in first home game away from Doucette Field since 1938

Redmen remain perfect, 3-0 to start the season

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TEWKSBURY – It was a near perfect day weather wise to play a near perfect football game.

On Saturday afternoon, playing in their first home game not at Center School/Doucette Field since 1938, the Redmen made it five wins in a row over their archrivals of Billerica, while making it

Besides some late penalties and Billerica having the ball for the final nine minutes of the game and registering 113 of their 253 total yards of offense during running, the Redmen were terrific defensively once again, especially against the run.

On the flip side, Tewksbury saw touchdowns come in all kinds of various ways including

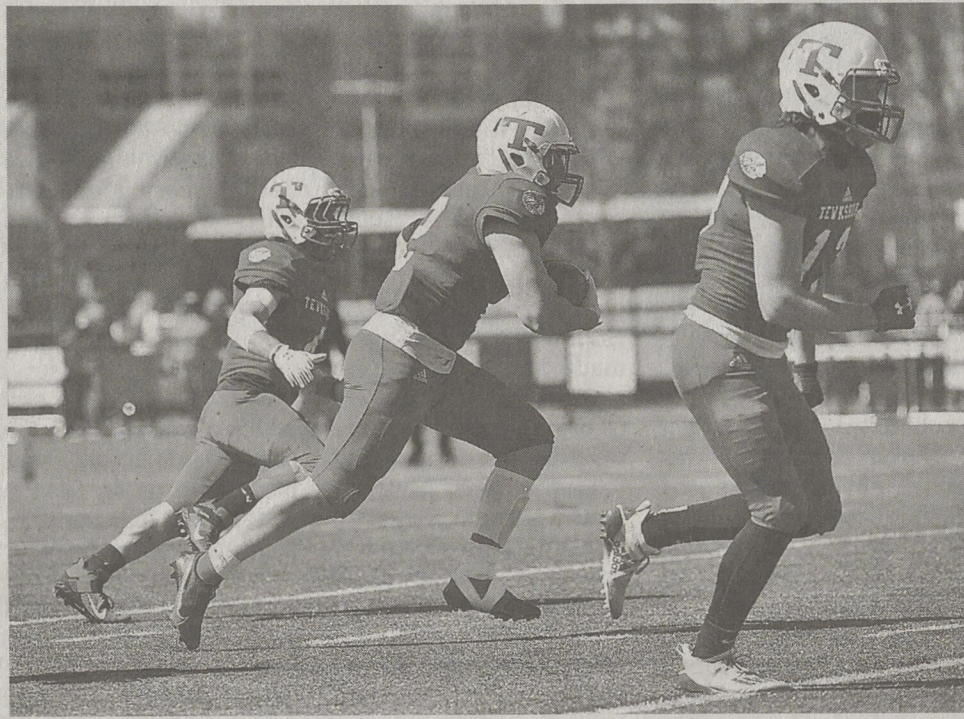
pick-six.

This was the first time in three games that Tewksbury had its full line-up with the additions of Olu and senior back Sean Fahey, which provided much needed relief and depth to the offense.

“We had a good week of practice. It was certainly good having (senior full-back) Kalu (Olu) back out there with us. He adds a certain element and



Early in the third quarter, Tewksbury High sophomore defensive back Michael Sullivan came up with a huge play, an interception, which he ran back for a touchdown, where he gets congratulated by teammate Aaron Connolly.

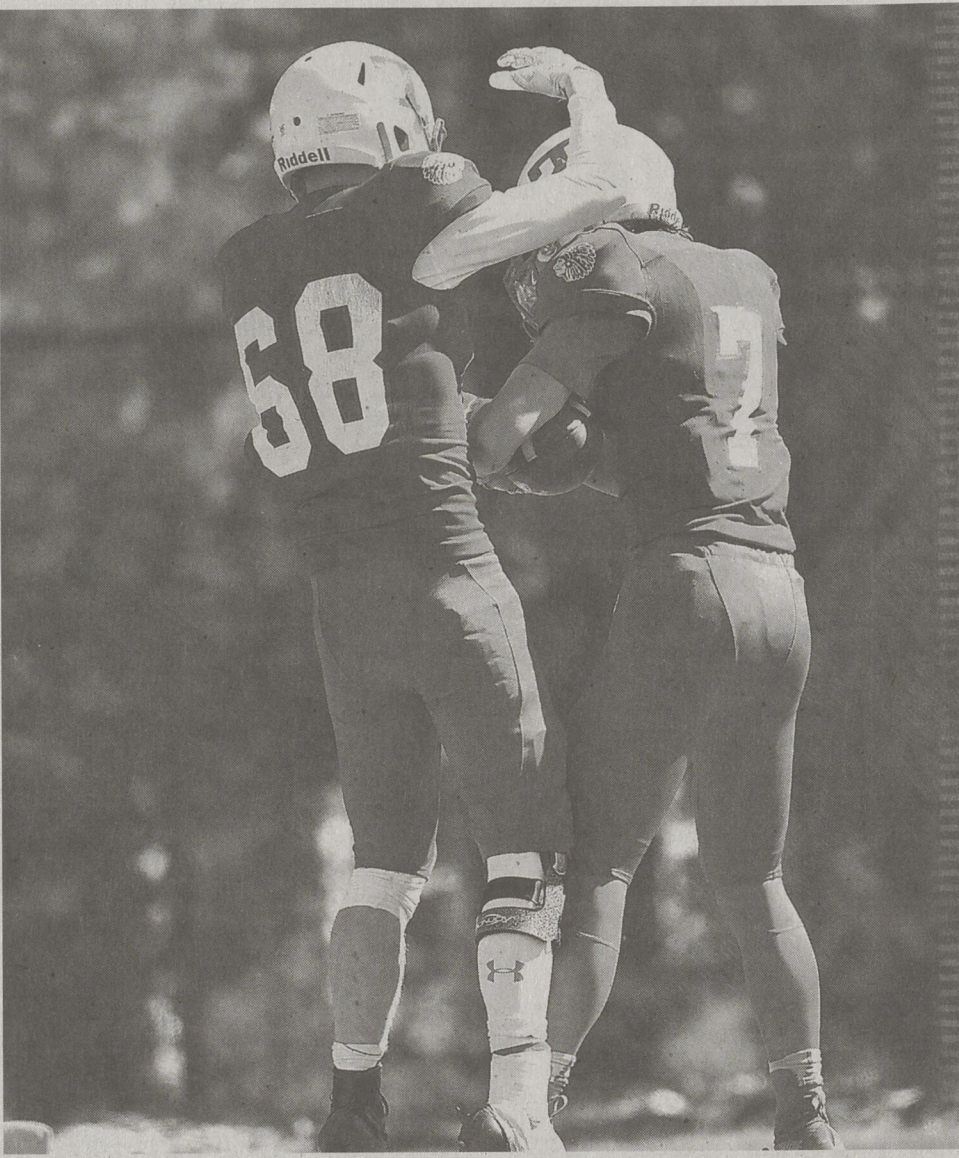


three wins in a row to open the Fall-2 season with a 41-14 thumping over the Indians held at the Ed Dick Memorial Turf Field at TMHS.

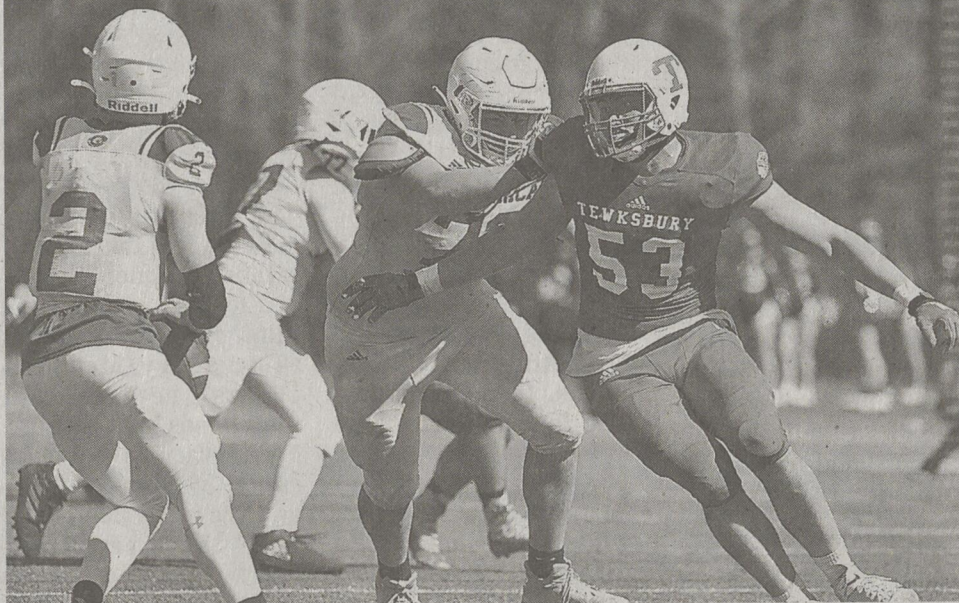
a kick-off return by Will McKay to open the game, as well as three rushing scores, a receiving TD and then sophomore Michael Sullivan with a

gives us another (offensive option) for us and he played well,” said head coach Brian Aylward.

While the scoring was spread out over the four



To the left, Will McKay opened Saturday's game off by running back the opening kick-off for a touchdown and is about to get good blocking by teammates Kyle Darrigo (left) and Blake Ryder; above, lineman Michael Duggan works his way to get to Billerica QB Dennet Sidell during Saturday's win.



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Boston Herald's Sweet 16

1. Catholic Memorial	2-0
2. Central Catholic	3-0
3. Xaverian	3-0
4. Mansfield	2-0
5. Natick	2-0
6. Reading	2-0
7. BC High	1-1
8. Lincoln-Sudbury	3-0
9. Melrose	2-0
10. Bridgewater-Raynham	3-0
11. Brockton	2-1
12. St. John's Prep	1-2
13. Tewksbury	3-0
14. Milford	2-1
15. Duxbury	2-0
16. North Attleboro	3-0

its own 30.

This time it took Tewksbury nine plays before adding to the lead. After eight plays of getting small chunks of yards and two first downs, the Redmen were facing third-and-nine from the B40, when Rametta (7-for-10, 138 yards, 1 TD) threw a deep pass to Kyle Darrigo (3 receptions, 99 yards), who went untouched for the TD, quickly making it 14-0 with 2:27 left in the first.

Billerica stormed right back putting together an impressive 15-play, 60-yard drive capped off by a 1-yard QB keeper by Sidell, and he rushed in the conversion to make it 14-8 with 5:14 left in the half.

Just like the Indians did, Tewksbury countered back. This time big plays were the reason behind the score as Rametta connected with Michael Kelly for an 18-yard reception and the following play, Olu went for 16 on the ground.

Five plays later, Kelly made a great catch, staying in bounds on a nine-yard throw, which put the ball on the Billerica 6 with 53 seconds to go. Olu then took the ball and went to his left for the touchdown and the kick was good, giving Tewksbury a 21-8 halftime

lead.

Connolly's big tackle in the backfield for a loss of four yards on third-and-five, forced Billerica to punt to open the third quarter. Tewksbury managed one first down before punting and Billerica had the ball on its own 20 with 7:34 left in the third. Sidell went back to pass and Sully read it perfectly, as he jumped ahead of the receiver, made the interception before going down the left sideline for the 26-yard return TD, which all put this game away.

Duggan's fumble, recovery led to a second TD by Darrigo, a 4-yard rush. Connolly then recovered the fumble off the squib kick, and two plays later Darrigo made a catch from a Rametta, ran across the field, was dragged down at the 1 on what turned out to be a 54-yard reception. Fahey then ran it in to make it 41-8 with 9:04 to go.

Billerica scored a late touchdown to make it 41-14.

Tewksbury will now travel to face North Andover on Friday night at 5:00 pm, before coming back home to face Lawrence on April 10th to conclude the league's regular season schedule.

TMHS Football Box Score and Stats

TEWKSBURY 41, BILLERICA 14

Billerica (1-1)	0	8	0	6	-14
Tewksbury (3-0)	14	7	6	14	-41
T: Will McKay 71 kickoff return (Nabil Barkallah kick)					
T: Kyle Darrigo 40 pass from Ryne Rametta (Barkallah kick)					
B: Dennet Sidell 1 run (Sidell rush)					
T: Kalu Olu 6 un (Barkallah kick)					
T: Michael Sullivan 26 interception return (kick failed)					
T: Darrigo 4 run (Barkallah kick)					
T: Sean Fahey 1 run (Barkallah kick)					
B: Joseph Green 5 run (pass failed)					

	Team Stats	
	B	T
First Downs	18	10
Rushes-Yards	38-172	31-86
Pass-Att-Int	7-15-1	7-10-0
Passing Yards	81	138
Total Yards	253	224
Penalties	2-11	6-55
Fumbles-lost	2-2	1-1

Individual Stats

Passing: Billerica, Dennet Sidell 6-for-14, 71 yards, 0 TDs, 1 INT; Joseph Green 1-for-1, 10 yards; Tewksbury, Ryne Rametta 7-for-10, 138 yards, 1 TD, 0 INTs.

Rushing: Billerica, Joseph Green 6-61, 1 TD; Dennet Sidell 9-55, 1 TD; Jacob Linton 6-43; Dominic Gird 16-37; Team 1 - (-24); Tewksbury, Kalu Olu 8-48, 1 TD; Kyle Darrigo 10-32, 1 TD; Ryne Rametta 1-5; Sean Fahey 1-1, 1 TD; Michael Kelly 1-0.

Receiving: Billerica, Daniel Cabrera 4-34; Albert Tassone 1-25; Myles Jean 2-22; Tewksbury, Kyle Darrigo 4-99, 1 TD; Michael Kelly 3-32; Sean Fahey 1-7.

Season Stats

	Score By Quarters				
Tewksbury	14	21	20	36	- 91
Opponents	00	08	00	13	- 21

	Team Stats	
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First Downs	46	32
Rushes-Yards	100-451	82-255
Pass-Att-Int	27-51-1	19-46-2
Passing Yards	364	232
Total Yards	815	487
Penalties-Yards	22-175	12-101
Fumbles-Lost	5-3	6-3

Individual Stats

Passing: Ryne Rametta 27-for-51, 364 yards, 2 TDs, 1 INT.

Rushing: Kyle Darrigo 62-292, 4 TDs; Michael Kelly 6-77, 1 TD; Kalu Olu 8-48, 1 TD; Justin Darrigo 10-27; Ryan Fleming 1-7; Sean Fahey 1-1, 1 TD; Ryne Rametta 12 - (-1).

Receiving: Kyle Darrigo 10-168, 2 TDs; Michael Kelly 11-125; Michael Sullivan 4-58; Sean Fahey 1-7; Will McKay 1-6.

Scoring: Kyle Darrigo 6 TDs, 36 points; Michael Kelly 2 TDs, 1 conversion, 14 points; Nabil Barkallah 11-for-12 PATs, 11 points; Ryne Rametta 1 TD, 6 points; Sean Fahey 1 TD, 6 points; Kalu Olu 1 TD, 6 points; Will McKay, 1 Spec. Teams TD, 6 points; Michael Sullivan 1 Def TD, 6 points.

The Mark Donovan Gymnasium officially pinned down

FROM C1W

"It actually scared the (daylights) out of me," Donovan said with a laugh when things had settled down a little bit, before turning more serious. "It brought tears to my eyes. I never thought I would reach that many people in my life. It's amazing. The whole night was amazing, especially when I came outside and the confetti went off and everything like that. It was just incredible. Everyone that put everything together, from my heart, thank you very much."

While Donovan was extremely honored by the not only the gym dedication, but especially by turnout of his peers, it was still tough for him to grasp being the recipient of all of accolades.

"I don't think I am that kind of guy, and I didn't think I was that great of a coach, but I guess I am," Donovan said. "And it means a lot to me that all of these people came out here for me. They told me there were just a few people out here, so seeing so many people was amazing. I feel very humbled and very honored to have something like this. Having all of these people come out like this was just amazing."

Donovan's list of accomplishment as a wrestling coach for Shawsheen are legendary, as he has led the Rams to a remarkable 26 Commonwealth Athletic Conference titles in his 35 years at the helm of the Rams, picking up 576 career wins along the way. He has presided over 11 Division 1 state champion wrestlers, four All-State champions, four New England champions and three National High School All-Americans. His accomplishments as a coach have been recognized far beyond Shawsheen Tech, as he has been inducted into the Massachusetts Wrestling Hall of Fame, the New England Wrestling Hall of Fame, and finally the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

The wins, the league championships and the state titles for his wrestlers will forever be remembered in Shawsheen wrestling lore. As impressive as all of those accomplishments were and are, they only tell half the story the legendary coach, and are only part of the reason the gym at Shawsheen where he presided over so many

victories, was named in his honor.

The other half of the story for Donovan is the impact he has had on the lives of countless young men who have come through his program. Whether they were an All-State champion or a junior varsity backup, so many student athletes who have come thorough the Shawsheen program have considered Donovan to be a father figure to them. That, more than anything, is what those who gathered together to honor Donovan last Thursday focused on.

After opening comments by Shawsheen School Committee chair Pat Meuse, who emphasized that she was at the ceremony representing the rest of the school committee, all of whom wished they could be there, school committee vice chair Ron Fusco stepped to the podium.

Fusco was instrumental in setting the wheels in motion to get the gym named in Donovan's honor, starting in 2019, when he was first named to the Shawsheen School Committee. Fusco is a retired Shawsheen Tech Biology teacher, who taught at the school for 30 years. One of his sons, Joe Fusco, was Division 1 and All-State champion for the Rams in 2016, while his other son, Ron Jr. wrestled at Billerica High and was an assistant on Donovan's staff for several years. It was actually his son who first gave him the push to get the gym dedicated and Fusco agreed there could be no more worthy recipient of the honor than Donovan.

"It has always amazed me to see the impact that one individual has had on a school community, staff, students and most importantly the wrestling program," Fusco said. "His influence shaped the lives of my sons and countless other sons and to this day both of my boys stay in contact with him, seeking his advice on all matter of things. Mark has been a parental figure to countless wrestlers over the years in good times and in bad. He teaches his wrestlers to fight hard, win with grace and lose with dignity. He continues to teach us these lessons to this day."

After comments by former Shawsheen wrestling champion Devonn Pratt, who spoke on behalf of the hundreds of Shawsheen

wrestlers who wished they could be there, as well as the reading of a proclamation from Massachusetts House of Representatives by Superintendent Jackson, Shawsheen Athletic Director Al Costabile and football coach stepped to the podium.

In addition to being the head wrestling coach, Donovan has also served on Costabile's football staff for the past 20 years.

"Dunnie, you have been the heart and soul of the Shawsheen coaching fraternity for 35 years. We have had a lot of success in sports my friend, and we have had some great coaches come through this building, but there is no doubt you have been our heart and soul," Costabile said. "You have no idea how many coaches have tried to emulate your magnanimous qualities, and no idea how much you have taught to coaches, for more than one generation, my friend."

"You have made men out of so many people," Costabile continued. "And nobody, nobody has ever gone above and beyond what you have done as far as that is concerned. Your wrestlers know that if they are ever in a jam, if they ever need anybody in all aspects of life, you will never let them down. And there aren't many who can say that. Not many at all."

Following Costabile's remarks, Jackson introduced former Shawsheen Principal, Robert Kanellas. Kanellas worked at Shawsheen for 35 years before retiring in 2017. Kanellas, as usual, stole the show with his entertaining stories about Donovan throughout his career, keeping the gathered audience laughing throughout his time at the podium. But he turned serious near the end of his comments, when he talked about Donovan's motto of "Family, School and Wrestling"

"This is what he coached," Kanellas said in reference to the motto. "During practice, during the day, in the hallways, everywhere. This is the Mark we know. This is the Mark we honor here today. I saw first hand this man's ability to shape and reshape young lives, which is why we gather here today. It has much less to do with the 500 wins and all of that Hall of Fame stuff. It's more

about Mark the mentor, Mark the aligner of priorities. Family, school, wrestling. A more deserving guy doesn't walk this Earth as coach — many more seasons ahead."

Prior to Donovan himself speaking, his sons Matt and Sean stepped up to unveil the plaque in front of the gym officially naming the gym in his honor. Following the reading of the dedication by Superintendent Jackson, Matt and Sean unveiled the plaque to tremendous applause.

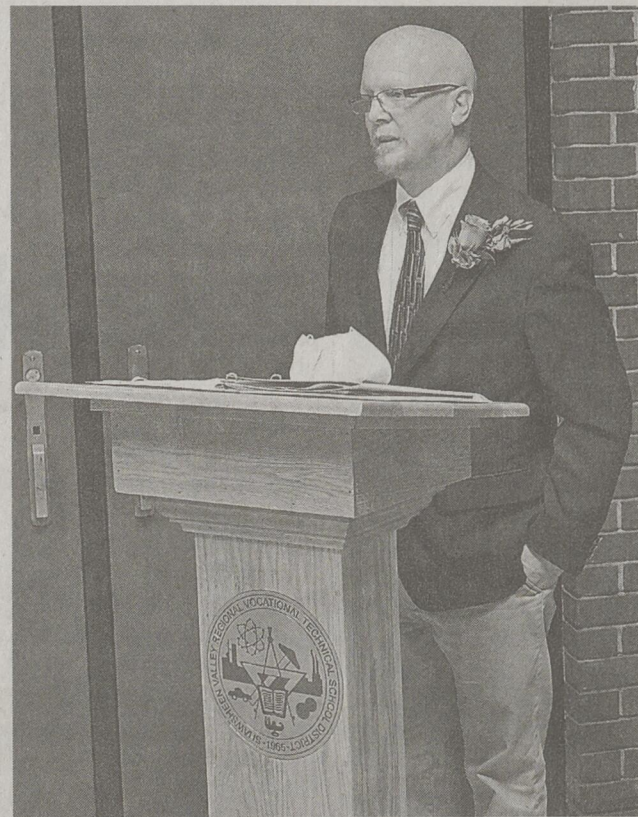
At that point, it was finally time for the guest of honor to speak. Donovan, as is his custom, kept his comments short when talking about himself, but he did take time to thank those responsible for not just this honor, but for his entire career. He specifically wanted to acknowledge the contributions of his long time assistant coach Doug Pratt, who has helped Donovan guide the Shawsheen program to so much success over the years.

"I want to thank my assistant coach and friend Doug Pratt," Donovan said. "Doug could have been a head coach at any school, but chose to remain by my side for the past 28 years and man oh man, did we make some great memories."

He saved his final comments for his family and the support they have provided over the years.

"Finally, and most importantly, I want to acknowledge my family. My four brothers, Bobby, Michael, Al and David. Thank you, guys," Donovan said. "My wife Patti and my sons Sean and Matthew. I am honored to be here tonight. I never could have imagined that this gym could be dedicated in my name."

Donovan went on to comment on his latest and greatest fight, as he is currently battling stage-4 bile duct cancer.



Veteran coach Mark Donovan had a few words to say after the Shawsheen Tech Gymnasium was officially named after him during an event held at the school last Thursday night. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

"Many of you know that this past year has been one of the toughest years of my life," Donovan said. "With that being said, most people don't get to see the legacy they leave behind. I am lucky to be able to see the impact I have had on so many lives. To have this gymnasium named after me is truly and honor and a privilege. This will be one of my greatest accomplishments. Thank you will never be enough. I would like to remind you of one of my favorite quotes. Tough times don't last, tough people do."

Later, Donovan talked again about his latest fight, and his plans on returning to the wrestling sideline this upcoming season, regardless of his health.

"I will be there. I am fighting a fight right now, and it is going to be the fight of my life, but I am going to fight it and I am going to be coaching this season," Donovan said. "I am doing well. I had a lot of tests this weekend.

They are going to do a clinical trial, starting March 30th. I am the first person it has been done on. So far it has only been done on gorillas, monkeys and pigs. I need to step up to the plate and do what I need to do."

Donovan has actually already returned to the sidelines, as an assistant coach with the Rams Football team. Donovan is thrilled to be back coaching in any capacity and thanked those who have made it possible

"It's awesome being back. Al Costabile has been nothing but great to me, taking care of me, and Superintendent Brad Jackson has just been over the top good to me," Donovan said. "I couldn't ask for anything more. Shawsheen is like a second family to me. I love Shawsheen Tech. It is the only school I have ever coached at and it is the only school I where I ever want to coach."



Darielle Wilson makes a play at the net during an earlier season Shawsheen Tech volleyball match. (photo by Bob DeChiara).

Rams swept by Greater Lowell

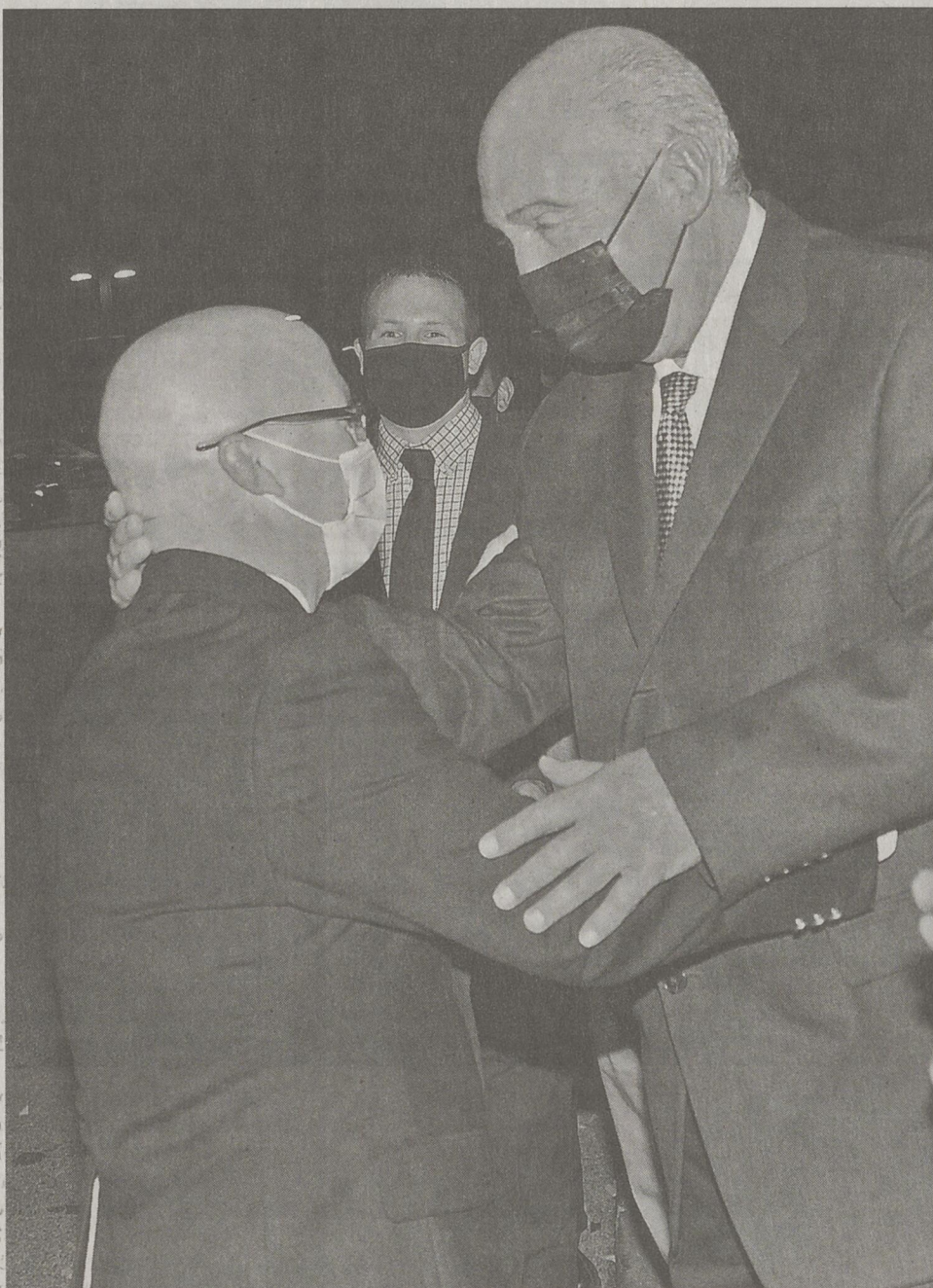
FROM C6W

this season and is really doing her best to try and motivate the rest of the team with her attitude," Rapoza said. "Chloe did a nice job for us with her hitting as she usually does, and today she did a great job passing as well, so that was great to see from her."

In the third set the Rams jumped out to a quick 4-0 lead, but seven straight points by the Gryphons suddenly had them in a hole they could not get out of. The did close to within 20-14 late in the match, but Greater Lowell dominated from there on their way to a 25-15 victory.

"We just really need to clean up our unforced errors, with our missed serves and our lack of communication," Rapoza said. "That really cost us tonight. I really felt like Greater Lowell was a team that was very comparable to us, so it was frustrating to see us lose in three sets. But we will keep working and keep trying to get better."

The Rams will get their chance at redemption on Thursday when they travel to Greater Lowell for a rematch, before hosting another CAC rival, Essex Tech on Friday morning.



Mark Donovan gets an emotional hug from his boss and longtime good friend, Al Costabile during last Thursday's event held at Shawsheen Tech High School. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

The third and final trip to the Tsongas Arena

FROM C5W

That set up Melillo's game winning three-pointer from the top of the key, giving Wilmington a dramatic come from behind 68-66 overtime victory over Bishop Fenwick in the Division 3 North sectional semi-final played Tuesday night in front of a great crowd at North Andover High School.

And after Melillo's game winning shot, Fenwick had one last chance but sophomore Michael Murphy made a defensive block on a shot with a second remaining giving Wilmington the

hard earned victory.

Back in 2003, Wilmington knocked off North Cambridge Catholic in overtime and that was probably the program's greatest win. Tuesday night's victory certainly matched the win over NCC, if not surpassed it. This was one absolutely phenomenal 36 minute high school basketball game.

With the win, the No. 1 seed Wildcats (20-2) will take on the No. 2 seed Watertown for the sectional championship to be played Saturday at Lowell's Tsongas Arena

at 12:30 pm. This will be the third trip to the sectional finals for the Wildcats, who were twice defeated by Lynn Tech in 2002 and 2004. It will also be the fifth playoff contest against Watertown since 2000, with the Raiders holding a 3-1 edge.

"I just asked the kids that this is my third time in this position and I need them to get me to that next step," said Wildcat head coach Jim McCune. "We'll take our shots. Watertown is an outstanding team and program. But we're

going to go there and we're going to play. The last three times we played them we lost by two in overtime, we beat them by three points and we lost by five. So we're not going to be any paties for these guys. They are a great team. They have a terrific coach, they are an outstanding program but so are we."

Wilmington took a commanding 15-8 lead after the first quarter behind a pair of treys from Mike Manganelli. Clifford, who had no points in the first half, then got involved heavily the rest

of the game. He scored 15 of his game high 33 points in the second quarter alone, closing the gap to 26-25 at the halftime break.

The game was tied at 35 with 4:19 to go and that's when Fenwick opened the game going on a 13-1 run, before Michael Murphy and Zack Fahey (15 points) scored on consecutive drives to the hoop and Wilmington trailed 46-39 after three quarters.

Wilmington's offense got a big spark to start the fourth quarter behind Fahey and Melillo, who closed the gap to four before Bibeau scored on a nice dish from Fahey making it 51-49 in favor of Fenwick with 3:39 to go. Clifford scored the game's next four points but Wilmington answered back with a trey from Melillo (17 points, all in the second half) and a put back from Bibeau (20 points, 13 rebounds) again making it a one-point game with 1:18 to go.

Clifford (33 points, 15 rebounds) hit one of two free throws, but Bibeau tied the game up with an over the top post move with 55 seconds left. Clifford again went to the line 23 seconds later and converted both free throws and Fenwick led 58-56. But Bibeau answered again scoring on a put back with eight seconds left to tie the game up and force overtime.

Wilmington had a two-point lead 75 seconds into the four minute overtime frame before Fenwick went up by three on two shots including a trey from Nolan DiPanfilo. Manganelli (11 points) hit a free throw and Clifford drained one

making it 66-63 with 1:20 to go. That's when Bibeau fouled out after Clifford's miss on the second attempt, and that's when Borsetti, Melillo and Murphy all stepped up to help Wilmington advance to another round.

McCune was asked about the drawn up play for Melillo's game winner.

"We had Craig inbound the ball out to the corner, we were going to go out top with it and fake the pass across to give a screen for Craig to come up with the shot," said McCune. "The (Bishop Fenwick defender) kind of slipped a little bit giving Craig a little daylight and you don't give a kid like Craig that kind of daylight. He's been living for this moment. He shoots the ball 150 to 200 times a day and that's the shot he's been practicing now for seven or eight years."

Wilmington trailed by nine with 7:11 left in the fourth quarter, trailed by two with 32 seconds left in regulation, and trailed by three with 1:20 left in overtime, and clawed back all three times to win.

"This is just a tremendous, gutsy effort against a good team," said McCune. "Yeah Watertown and Bedford are the cream of the crop but no one is going to tell me that we had a cakewalk to the Tsongas. We played two tremendous teams."

"That Fenwick team plays in a very good league. We were outsized and we battled and battled against their big guy. I can't say enough about him. He's the best low post player we've ever gone up against."



Craig Melillo, who hit the game winning shot in the sectional semi-final game, plays some defense in the 'Cats loss to Watertown held at the Tsongas Arena. (file photo/JoeBrownphotos.com).



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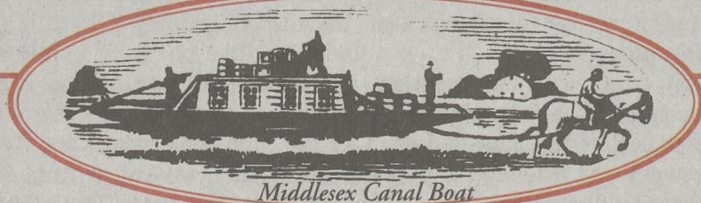
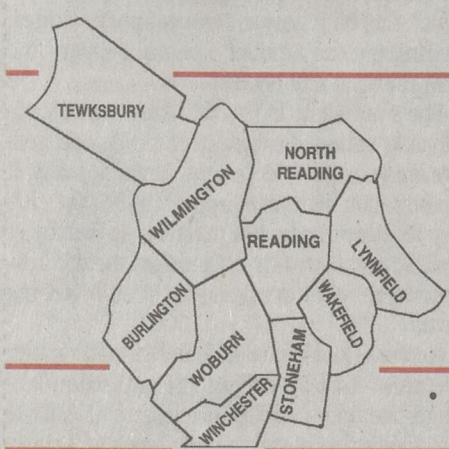
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State Rep. Nguyen and Town Manager Wong weigh in Locals rally to support Asian American Pacific Islander community

By RYAN LAROCHE

On March 16, eight people including six women of Asian decent were shot and killed in three separate shooting incidents in Atlanta, Georgia, all by the same shooter. He has since been arrested and charged with eight counts of murder. The eight victims were Soon Chung Park, 74; Hyun Jung Grant, 51; Suncha Kim, 69; Yong Ae Yue, 63; Delaina Ashley Yaun, 33; Xiaojie Tan, 49; Daoyou Feng, 44; and Paul Andre Michels, 54.

In the aftermath, local communities such as Winchester and Woburn held vigils in honor of what many believe was a hate crime committed against the AAPI (Asian American Pacific Islander) community. Atlanta police, however, have yet to charge the suspect with a hate crime; instead, a police spokesperson said it remains "under investigation."

Unfortunately, for so many

in the AAPI community, they don't need an investigation to determine what happened or what motivated the shooter. In the past year, according to the New York Times, Asian-Americans were targeted in 3,800 hate incidents.

For Tram Nguyen, a state representative from Andover who represents Tewksbury, and a member of the AAPI community, enough is enough. In a statement, she said: "The senseless killing of eight people, including six Asian women, in Atlanta is heart-breaking and has no place in our community or in our country."

It's no coincidence the rise in anti-AAPI sentiment coincided with the onset of the coronavirus, a plague that some, including former President Donald Trump, referred to as the "China Virus," "Wuhan Virus," "Wuhan Flu," "China Flu," or even the "Kung Flu." All these names suggest that Asian people were

responsible for the virus.

Rep. Nguyen, speaking to that fact, said, "Anti-Asian rhetoric and scapegoating related to COVID-19 have perpetuated stigma against AAPI communities and has led to a 150 percent precipitous rise in anti-Asian hate crimes in cities across the country in 2020, even in Boston."

As the representative noted, the increase in anti-AAPI rhetoric hits close to home, as a community like Winchester boasts a (comparatively) large Asian population, many of whom serve on boards and committees, both elected and volunteer.

"We need to find ways to be a part of the solution," said Winchester Town Manager Lisa Wong, herself a member of the AAPI community about the role the town can play in driving down the violence and hatred.

First, though, she noted "we must acknowledge it's happening."

Several area municipalities have held events to support the AAPI community including a well attended event on Woburn Common last Friday evening.

The Woburn event was coordinated by the local group Social Capital Inc. (SCI) and attended by elected officials, leaders in the AAPI community as well as SCI AmeriCorps member Sophie Ichizawa.

The Select Board in Winchester recently released a statement that reads in part, "We want to raise awareness of the dangerous historic increase in incidents and assaults directed against AAPI communities since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, and to acknowledge the pain and fear that is so palpable right now."

Of course, as anyone within the AAPI community could explain, racism and xenophobia targeting Asian-Americans didn't just appear because of the coronavirus. It has existed for centuries. As the Select Board notes in their statement:

"We also want to acknowledge that anti-Asian racism existed in the US for centuries before the pandemic, and that the historic power of white supremacy has created structural hierarchies which can divide communities. By



MEMBERS OF THE WINCHESTER COMMUNITY GATHER FOR A VIGIL dedicated to the victims of three shootings in Atlanta that targeted the AAPI community.

continuing to treat the fight against white supremacy as separate battles, by isolating the AAPI community as experiencing different impacts, outside the discrimination faced by others, we allow the system to continue to divide us. We really have one common enemy - the racism that is embedded in our culture and society. By being in solidarity with each other, against all forms of racism, we are asserting our shared humanity and creating a space for healing."

Rep. Nguyen knows it, too, that anti-Asian hate has existed in this country for as long as Asians have.

"Anti-Asian discrimination and violence are not new and affect entire communities. I came to the U.S. at the age of five with my family as political refugees from communist Vietnam and know of the dis-

crimination, misogyny, and xenophobia that many immigrants and non-immigrants of Asian descent have been experiencing for hundreds of years and continue to experience today, especially amongst the elderly and women."

How do you defeat racism that harms any community, be it Asian-American, African-American, Native American or other?

"Make it easier to report hate crimes in general," Wong suggested, noting that there is a lot of "mistrust" in the process and that many incidents go unreported.

That makes sense, especially when you consider the officer reporting on the shootings in Atlanta to the media reportedly had anti-Asian posts on his Facebook page. He also

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Movie Reviews & Box Office News Once more unto the breach in 'Godzilla vs. Kong'

By JAKE COYLE
AP Film Writer

"Godzilla vs. Kong" begins, fittingly, with the big guy asleep.

There is King Kong, colossus of the big screen, slowly waking on a mountainside. He rouses slowly in the morning sun from slumber before showering in a nearby waterfall. It's, maybe, a little bit the same for the kind of movies King Kong symbolizes and still holds some dominion over: big spectacles of mass destruction made to be seen on equally towering screens. That kind of moviegoing has been in hibernation for much of the past pandemic year. "Godzilla vs. Kong," the only creature feature to dare wide release in some time, is a rock 'em-sock 'em monster-movie revival with all the requisite explosions, inane plot twists and skyscraper smashing to satisfy most lovers of gigantic amphibians. Vive le cinema!

"Godzilla vs. Kong," directed by Adam Wingard, follows in the very big but quickly forgotten footsteps of the 2014 reboot "Godzilla." 2017's Vietnam-set, "Apocalypse Now"-tinged sequel "Kong: Skull Island" and 2019's "Godzilla: King of Monsters." But, of course, the lineage is much longer



than that. Godzilla and Kong first squared off in 1962's "King Kong vs. Godzilla" (Kong got first billing back then), the Toho Studios film that mashed together monsters both East and West. (Before the Japanese studio got involved, the original template had Kong meeting Frankenstein.)

This time, the ultra-heavyweight prize fight between the Coke and Pepsi of the MonsterVerse doesn't break any new ground. That might be its salvation. Wingard ("You're Next," "The Guest") gives us some solid supporting characters (Brian Tyree Henry as a podcasting conspiracy theorist on the right track is the best of the humans) and some slick sound design. But mostly "Godzilla

vs. Kong" supplies appropriately silly sci-fi escapades and a few good rounds of monster mayhem, including, in their first meeting, a ballet of battleships on the open ocean.

One difference this go around: You can see the film immediately on either a Godzilla-sized screen or a salamander-sized one. "Godzilla vs. Kong," is playing in theaters and streaming simultaneously on HBO Max. Godzilla vs. Kong," a Warner Bros. release, is rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association of America for intense sequences of destruction, mayhem and creature violence. Running time: 113 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

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claimed the shooter "was just having a bad day," making little to no mention of the fact he killed six Asian women and targeted three Asian massage parlors.

Hard to report something when there's a chance the person receiving the report doesn't care or is actively a part of the problem.

Rep. Nguyen had a similar idea: "We need to confront and disrupt racism by standing up and speaking out. We need to address hate crimes head on and hold perpetrators directly accountable. The bill that I filed with Attorney General Maura Healey and State Senator Adam Hinds, 'An Act to reform the hate crime statutes,' clarifies the definition of hate crimes, structures penalties to fit the severity of the crime rather than adding penalties, and offers clear guidelines for more consistent enforcement at the state level."

She continued: "If we don't hold perpetrators accountable for the damages and harm in-

fllicted by their words and actions, we leave entire communities living in fear with no recourse. We cannot be silent bystanders and let hate crimes continue to terrorize entire communities, whose members fear that they, too, could be targeted for no other reason than their membership in a protected class."

Unfortunately, as is usually the case whenever someone commits a racist act, groups of people rise up to declare that racism doesn't exist in this country. But listen to the people who've experienced it firsthand.

"The fear of racism and xenophobia will impact people I know including myself (and it already has), the Winchester town manager admitted. 'I've had friends targeted and witnessed things at public meetings.'"

She added how hearing the media and allies "acknowledge the problem makes us feel less alone and afraid."

However, Wong also noted not everyone feels seen and heard. She said some within Winchester's Asian community reached out to

her following the Atlanta shootings, but some didn't. Therefore, she hoped the vigil would help spread the message of unity and love so that everyone could feel seen and heard.

It's not a cure all though, as many within the AAPI community still worry, and probably with good reason. Imaging hearing someone on television, with an audience of three or four million people, basically suggest that hate crimes aren't hate crimes and the AAPI community has more to fear from Black people than White Supremacy. That's the kind of messaging you get from conservative TV.

As Wei Han, President of the Chinese American Network of Winchester, noted, "We are troubled and worried with the increasing discrimination and violence against (members of the) AAPI (community) since last year."

He gave a short speech during the recent vigil dedicated to the lives of the victims of the shootings in Atlanta. Han said he was "touched when I saw so many non-Asian Winchester residents come to the vigil and stand with us together."

As part of the speech, Han said the Chinese American Network was "outraged and saddened" by the loss of life.

"Across the country," he continued, "Asian Americans are hurting and Asian Americans are angry. We have been perpetual foreigners in this country. Slurs such as 'go back to your country' (are) probably uniquely an Asian American experience. AAPI have been systematically targeted during periods of tension or crisis. A pattern that's being repeated today."

There's no doubt 2020 was a difficult year for everyone, but maybe no one group felt the pain like Asian-Americans who suffered tremendous loss thanks to the coronavirus and then suffered more when they were blamed for starting it and bringing it to America. Now, at a time when the country must come together, the continued presence of the virus prevents needed gatherings.

"Community conversations have continued during the pandemic, Wong said, "but using the phone and Zoom just aren't an adequate (sub-

stitute) for coming together. Communication has not been what it needs to be."

She noted how the tragedy in Atlanta forced people to come together in new ways.

"I can feel the strength, solidarity and hope," the Winchester town manager added, pointing out the amount of work, support and conversations still needed.

She's not alone in that thinking. America is a diverse nation of races, colors, religions, genders, and sexual orientations. Unfortunately, it appears not everyone appreciates that. It's easy to attack someone not seen as worthy of existing in this country. Therefore, before anyone can rebuild, everyone must stop tearing down.

As the Select Board note in their statement: "We must start by calling out anti-Asian language, including any references to COVID-19 that encourage blaming and shaming Asians. We must commit to learning and practicing allyship."

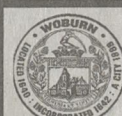
During his speech, Han put it even more bluntly: "Let's stop discrimination, stop violence, stop racism, stop hate. Let's build a diverse and inclusive community that cherishes and values the dignity of every community member."

He referenced the Asian floating paper lanterns residents brought to the vigil and noted how they usually symbolize the guiding of souls, for those who have left the physical world and now exist spiritually. Nowadays, he said, they represent light and love.

"As we light these lanterns and candles as night falls, I'm reminded of what MLK once said: 'Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.'"

If anyone reading this has experienced bias motivated threats or hate, Rep. Nguyen suggests they call the Attorney General's Hate Crime Hotline at 1-800-994-3228 or fill out at civil rights complaint. She adds that potential hate crimes - including bias-motivated assault, battery and property damage - should also be reported to the local police immediately.

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• **MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA:** Nathan Eovaldi will be making his second opening day start for the Red Sox. Who has the most opening-day starts in franchise history?

Answer appears below:

Local college baseball and softball player update

Although there were no southern trips for New England Division 3 baseball and softball schools, it is still a welcome sight that they are playing. Many took advantage of the nice late-March weather to get their seasons underway.

At UMass Dartmouth, Woburn RYAN QUALEY is a 6-foot-3 right-handed pitcher for the Corsairs. UMass Dartmouth got its 2021 season off to a 1-3 start with a home-and-home doubleheader against Southern Maine. Qualey took the loss in a 13-8 loss in one of those games. Qualey is also a quarterback on the football team but UMass Dartmouth did not play due to the pandemic last fall.

Reading's PAT JORDAN is a senior right-handed pitcher at Westfield State. The Owls are off to a 6-1 start. Jordan has appeared in two games with one start. He is 0-0 but has one save when he closed out a 2-0 win over MCCLA with a three-inning shutout relief performance where he gave up one hit, a walk with three strikeouts.

In the Division 1 ranks, Reading's COREY DILORETO has returned to the Northeastern lineup after missing two weeks due to being struck in the face by a pitch. The 6-4, 210-pound first baseman, who is a red-shirt sophomore, returned last weekend and went 4 for 11 in a series against UMass Amherst. DiLoreto is now batting .375 on the season for the Huskies who are 10-5 on the year.

Woburn's EMILY ARREDONDO, a senior on the Westfield State softball team, is the team's top pitcher, logging a team-high 20 innings to date. Arredondo has a 1-2 record with a 2.45

Athletes & Activities

By: Steve Algeri

ERA in three starts for the Owls who are 2-4 on the season. She is also 3 for 7 at the plate (.429) with a double, triple and two runs driven in.

Rivier University senior infielder KATIE WELCH of Wilmington returns for her senior season with the Raiders.

Welch went 1 for 2 in the season opener last Saturday when they host Northern Vermont-Lyndon. She also drove in a run and stole a base.

Framingham State sophomore pitcher ALLY MORAN of Wilmington is off to a fine start with a 4-1 record and a 1.41 ERA. Moran also has a save in 34.2 innings pitched for the 9-1 Rams.

Tewksbury's KIRSTEN DICK is batting .321 for Framingham State as a graduate student third baseman. Dick usually bats in the middle of the order. She has played in 124 career games for Framingham State.

JENNY LEE of Woburn returned to the UMass Lowell softball team after last year was cut short due to the pandemic. After a four-year track career with the River Hawks, Lee went out for softball as a graduate student and was a reserve outfielder. When the season was cut short, the NCAA granted all spring athletes an extra year of eligibility and Lee chose to return.

So far she has played in four games with one hit in seven at-bats for the River Hawks who are 7-7 on the season.

Football playoffs have to wait until this fall (hopefully)

While this spring's high school football season will not have any playoffs, come this fall, teams can look forward to the new state-wide playoffs.

The MIAA Football Committee previously voted 17-2-1 in favor of having a nine-week

season in which the top eight teams in each division state-wide qualify. That did not go over very well it seems as many football coaches and Athletic Directors felt as if that would eliminate many good teams from the playoffs. Plus that was not consistent with how all of the other tournament formats are aligned.

So the committee reversed its field and voted 11-9-1 in favor of going back to the original plan of an eight-week schedule and the top 16 teams in each of the eight divisions state-wide getting in. That plan will start with this upcoming Fall season.

Of course, now being a state-wide playoff you could see teams matched up from anywhere in the state. In the past the early rounds were sectional play (and a seven-game "qualifying period") in a team's geographical footprint in the state.

Challenged Athletes Foundation

Dedicated to providing life-changing access to sports, Challenged Athletes Foundation (CAF) is thrilled to announce its most meaningful grant distribution ever. Despite one of the most difficult years in recent history, CAF was able to fully fund all qualified 2021 grant applications for individuals with physical challenges to get back into the game of life, through sport. This year, 3,038 grants were distributed totaling \$5.1 million in support to athletes ranging from Paralympic athletes to first-time applicants. CAF is a world leader and has helped thousands of athletes with physical challenges improve their lives through sports and fitness.

Throughout the pandemic, athletes around the world have been forced to change how they train. Despite the

challenging year, CAF was able to pivot support to help athletes with their changing needs for living an athletic lifestyle. In addition to the 3,038 grants, CAF supported over 400 grant recipients who chose to defer their 2020 grants to 2021. Due to the pandemic, many of these grants could not be redeemed due to abrupt and continued cancellations of adaptive sports competitions.

"Our belief in the power of sport to strengthen from the inside out is deeper than ever," said Virginia Tinley, CAF Chief Executive Director. "Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, many of these grants provide critical support for coping with the impact of the pandemic."

Over half of the Paralympic hopefuls representing Team USA at the 2021 Paralympic Games in Tokyo are past CAF grant recipients. In the coming months, they will continue to train and compete in order to qualify for the world's greatest athletic stage in August. For the first time ever, NBC will air coverage of the Paralympics during prime time.

CAF has remained committed and focused on positively impacting athletes with life-changing grants around the world by providing adaptive sports equipment not covered by medical insurance such as running prosthetics, handcycles and sport wheelchairs, along with at-home training equipment, training and competition travel expenses.

This year's grant distribution spans across 94 different sports and activities including track & field, wheelchair basketball, adaptive fitness training, blind surfing, wheelchair rugby, para-equestrian, Nordic skiing and outdoor recreation. CAF's new partnership with GRIT Freedom Chairs has made it possible for kids and adults with physical disabilities to be active, independent and adventurous while they enjoy outdoor sports and recreation in an all-terrain wheelchair. CAF partnered with GRIT on re-

HomeNewsHere RECIPE



STEPS

1. Heat oven to 350°F (325°F for dark or non-stick pans). Place paper baking cup in each of 24 regular-size muffin cups.
2. Make and bake cake mix as directed on box for 24 cupcakes. Cool in pans 10 minutes; remove from pans to cooling rack. Cool completely, about 30 minutes.
3. Place coconut in resealable food-storage plastic bag. Add about 8 drops yellow food color; seal bag and shake to mix. Frost cupcakes with frosting. Top with yellow coconut. For eyes, add brown baking bits. Cut orange gumdrops to look like beaks; place on cupcakes. Store loosely covered.

EASTER CHICK CUPCAKES

Ingredients

Cupcakes

- 1 box Betty Crocker™ Super Moist™ yellow or devil's food cake mix (Water, vegetable oil and eggs called for on cake mix box)

Frosting and Decorations

- 2-1/2 cups shredded coconut
- Yellow food color
- 1 container Betty Crocker™ Rich & Creamy vanilla frosting
- 48 brown miniature candy-coated chocolate baking bits
- 24 small orange gumdrops

search and development of the customized chairs and funded all 80 grant requests, 15 of whom are youth athletes.

For 25 years, CAF's exclusive prosthetic partner Össur has helped people in the limb loss and limb different community pursue a life without limitations by donating hundreds of prosthetic sports feet and knees to athletes. This year, 81 Össur prostheses were granted. "We are proud to continue supporting our partnership with CAF and funding these deserving individuals as they pursue their mobility and physical fitness goals," said Tabi King, Director of Marketing at Össur. "Together

CAF and Össur ensure that individuals with limb loss and limb difference can unleash their athletic potential with critical access to innovative sports prostheses, expert coaching, and instruction."

Answer to this week's question: Roger Clemens started eight times for the Red Sox on opening day.

• **DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T?** If you have information about a local athlete that you would like to see appear in this column, please email it to sports@dailytimesinc.com.

• Real Estate Transfers •

BURLINGTON

139 Bedford St was sold to P Holman Weisbard RET and Weisbard, Phyllis H by T&R Revival LLC for \$715,000 on 03/12/21

18 Olean Rd was sold to Kim, Sool Y and Kim, Yeon S by Bhattachan, Nayan K and Bhattachan, Khadga S for \$650,000 on 03/10/21

6 Sumner St was sold to Glantz, Noel H and Glantz, Lorie A by Goel, Rakesh for \$650,000 on 03/11/21

NORTH READING

11 Audubon Rd was sold to Liang, Jinghua and Liang, Yujung by Rowe, Elizabeth J and Rowe, Adam W for \$535,000 on 03/12/21

54 Northridge Dr #54 was sold to McDonnell, Mary C by Jackson, Rosalie M for \$398,000 on 03/11/21

107 Park St was sold to Affordable Contractors by Deutsche Bk Natl T Co Tr for \$432,000 on 03/12/21

1 Winterberry Ln was sold to Klovee, Rosanne P and Klovee, David R by Winterberry Lane RT and Mustone, Antonio L for \$930,000 on 03/08/21

READING

26 Barbara Ln was sold to Turni, Jacqueline and Turni, Anthony by Raciti FT and Raciti, Eric A for \$1,100,000 on 03/10/21

31 Batchelder Rd was sold to Callahan, Justine and Callahan, Dennis by Younis, Robert E and Younis, Teresa H for \$600,000 on 03/08/21

59 Berkeley St was sold to Howe, Lauren and High, Ryan P by High William B Est and Norton, Ann E for \$515,000 on 03/11/21

13 Crosby Rd was sold to Chimney Hill RE LLC by Corbett, William J and Corbett, Joanne M for \$350,000 on 03/11/21

35 Orange St was sold to Feldman, Katharine K and Lam, Philip by Don Q RE Development LLC for \$765,000 on 03/12/21

29 Pierce St #29 was sold to Sobreira, Tiago J and Sobreira, Fernanda P by Spezzaferro, Todd and Spezzaferro, Arlene E for \$524,900 on 03/10/21

49 Riverside Dr was sold to Pepdjonovic, Mark and Pepdjonovic, Stephanie T by Cotter, Bernard D and Cotter, Joan L for \$790,000 on 03/12/21

STONEHAM

588 Main St #2C was sold to Hartnett, Luke B and Hartnett, John R by Rosa, Joseph for \$318,200 on 03/09/21

10 Stevens St was sold to Barren, James L and Barren, Jessica J by Irene B Cain IRT and Barren, Donald J for \$215,000 on 03/11/21

434 William St was sold to Craven, Sara B by Craven, Sara B and Craven, Paul D for \$102,000 on 03/10/21

TEWKSBURY

111 Brookfield Rd was sold to Munro, Courtney E and Munro, John M by Chambers, Clarie I and Chambers, David E for \$550,000 on 03/11/21

11 Fairway Dr #11 was sold to Lograsso, Rosa and Lograsso, Ottavio by Teresa Hupper RET and Hupper, Teresa L for \$450,000 on 03/10/21

36 Fairway Dr #36 was sold to McGuire, Robert J and McGuire, Rosemary T by Johnson, Christopher A and Grimes, Kimberly A for \$480,000 on 03/08/21

33 Heritage Dr #33 was sold to Kelly, Kathryn J by Bolton, Karen M for \$270,000 on 03/11/21

21 Kensington Way #21 was sold to Luintel, Manish and Karki, Grishma by Chiarenza Marie E Est and Chiarenza, Anthony for \$575,000 on 03/10/21

3 Lloyd Rd was sold to DeBenedictis, Maria by Roy, Michelle

for \$565,000 on 03/11/21

216 Merrimack Meadows Ln #216 was sold to Klinkenberg-Ramirez, S and Ramirez, Maria by Jackson, Anthony P for \$385,000 on 03/09/21

WAKEFIELD

98 Cedar St #19 was sold to Dorsey, Erica and Koehler, Glenn by VanNostrand, Daniel B and Salvo, Cristina R for \$490,000 on 03/12/21

175 North Ave #306 was sold to Hulley, Brian Q by Faulkingham, Shane for \$206,346 on 03/08/21

410 Salem St #804 was sold to Richenburg, Paula L by Scola, Erik J and Scola, Lauren for \$434,000 on 03/12/21

2 Tylers Ln was sold to McCarthy, Meaghan and McCarthy, Brian by RGK Development Co LLC for \$1,040,000 on 03/08/21

WILMINGTON

12 Moore St was sold to Duran, Christine and Duran, Scott by WWC FT and Cassim, William W for \$636,000 on 03/12/21

901 Pouliot Pl was sold to Nassozi, Connie by Maciver, Robert E and Maciver, Sandra L for \$317,985 on 03/08/21

3 Quincy St was sold to Pasquarello, Anthony J by Moulthrop, Donald R and Walsh-Moulthrop, Deborah for \$505,000 on 03/10/21

WINCHESTER

144 Arlington St was sold to Prigozhin, Maxim B and White, Sarah L by Caci, Frank J and Sample-Caci, Sue for \$905,000 on 03/10/21

7 Conant Rd #28 was sold to Radhakrishnan, Ramarathna and Bramhe, Ritika by Rahimi, Kianosh and Zarrasvand, Azin for \$545,000 on 03/12/21

14 Gershon Way #14 was sold to 21 Radcliffe Rd T and Davidson, Mary A by BEK Winchester Winning for \$1,510,000 on 03/10/21

44 Glen Rd was sold to Marshall, Lawrence and Marshall, Michelle by Fuest, Gregory R and Fuest, Anne G for \$10,000 on 03/10/21

65 Highland Ave was sold to Sun, Jian and Zhang, Wei by 65 Highland Avenue LLC for \$1,400,000 on 03/08/21

119 Johnson Rd was sold to Salem St Consortium LLC by Stasiowski, William and Stasiowski, Patricia for \$887,500 on 03/12/21

WOBURN

47 Blueberry Hill Rd was sold to Taliaferro, Daniel J and Pintone, Maria T by Cliffs Edge RT and Whitten, Robinson S for \$485,000 on 03/12/21

2 Inwood Dr #2008 was sold to Balram, Shrimati A by 3T Realty Corp for \$585,000 on 03/12/21

76 Marlboro Rd was sold to DG Broker LLC by Mitchell, Joshua D and Mitchell, Eunjee for \$490,000 on 03/08/21

37 Montvale Ave #6 was sold to Patel, Jinga P and Patel, Kushan P by Ranjitkar, Medhusadan and Ranjitkar, Anita for \$269,000 on 03/08/21

24 Reed St was sold to Dunn, Roland and Dunn, Jane M by Dunn, Lillian M for \$720,000 on 03/08/21

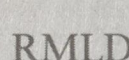
3 Robert Ave was sold to Pioneer Investments LLC by Jackowicz, Joseph K and Wilmington T NA for \$406,000 on 03/10/21

27 West St was sold to Hagarty, Eric E and Hagarty, Dana M by Lorusso, Christopher M and Lorusso, Ellen I for \$570,000 on 03/08/21

LYNNFIELD

1 Melch Rd was sold to Petty, Stephanie by Maddison LLC for \$665,000 on 03/10/21

12 Temple Rd was sold to Reed, Theodore by Berkal, Norma for \$431,749 on 03/09/21



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LEGAL NOTICE

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Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30, § 39M, the Reading Municipal Light Department (RMLD) intends to contract for and extends an invitation to submit sealed bids for:

STATION 3 GENERATOR REPLACEMENT

The RMLD will receive sealed bids until **11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, April 14, 2021**, via USPS mail sent to 230 Ash Street, Reading, Massachusetts, 01867, or delivered to the white mailbox in the visitor parking lot of the same address. Bids will be opened after receipt deadline, and, due to the RMLD Office being closed to the public in light of the Covid-19 restrictions, read aloud while being recorded. The Bid results will be published on the RMLD Website and sent to Bidders. Bids received after the time of announced deadline will not be accepted.

A pre-bid meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 7, 2021, at 10:00 A.M.** at RMLD's Substation 3, 166R Chestnut Street, North Reading, MA 01864. Signed Non-Disclosure Agreement, hard hats, safety glasses, safety boots and due to Covid-19 restrictions, masks and 6' of distancing are required. No one will be allowed to attend the Pre-Bid Meeting if these requirements are not met. Attendance is OPTIONAL.

If you have not filed a Non-Disclosure/Confidentiality Agreement with RMLD for this project previously, and you wish to obtain a copy of the plans, attend the Pre-Bid Meeting, and submit a bid, you must fill out and submit **RMLD's Non-Disclosure/Confidentiality Agreement** that is included as part of the bid package. Return this document prior to the Pre-Bid Meeting or you will not be allowed to receive the plans or attend the Pre-Bid Meeting.

Bid documents and bid forms may be obtained via email request to Maureen Sullivan, Assistant Materials Manager at msullivan@rmlld.com. For questions or further information, please contact Maureen Sullivan at 781-942-6441. Note: This is a Prevailing Wage project.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check payable to the RMLD for a sum not less than 5% of the total amount of the bid. In lieu of a check, a bid bond may be submitted in an amount not less than 5% of the total amount of the bid, unless otherwise stated. The bond must be from a corporate surety licensed to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, conditioned that the bidder will pay the RMLD, as liquidated damages, the amount specified in the bond unless the bidder enters into a contract in accordance with the bid. If the bidder fails to enter into the contract or furnish any required bonds, insurance documents, or other required documents within ten (10) days from the date on which the bidder is notified that the bid has been accepted, the amount of the check or bid bond shall be forfeited to the RMLD.

The RMLD reserves the right to reject any and all bids, including and without limitation the right to reject any or all non-responsive, unbalanced or conditional bids, and to reject any bid if the RMLD believes that it would not be in the best interest of the RMLD to make the award to that bidder. RMLD also reserves the right to waive any minor informalities not involving price, time or changes to the work.

No agreement shall be valid or binding unless duly executed via contract or other writing signed by an authorized representative of the RMLD.

RMLD will make reasonable efforts to review and process bids promptly. However, RMLD will not be liable for any delays in acting on a bid.



Tewksbury Police Log

Male party arrested for OUI and drug possession

Monday, March 22

1:26 a.m. - A 911 caller stated they saw an erratic driver at Holiday Inn. Police sent. Hotel staff said they did not see any female parties walk into the hotel; gone on arrival.

4:29 a.m. - Caller claimed she was being held hostage by her Uber driver because she did not have enough money to pay at Cumberland Farms. Police sent and officer filed a report.

11:46 a.m. - Caller's vehicle was damaged at North Street. Police sent and officer filed a report.

6:09 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male knocking on her door at Redgate Road. Police sent. The male was a contractor that was hired to work on the caller's roof.

7:21 p.m. - Two unknown people argued in the caller's yard at North Street. Police sent. The male was from a group home and was now back with his care giver.

Officer filed a report.

Tuesday, March 23

4:35 a.m. - Caller reported a verbal argument with the occupants in the room next to theirs over a noise complaint at Marriott Residence Inn. Police sent. They spoke with all the parties and they would keep the noise down.

5:07 a.m. - The caller was blocked in and accused of stealing at Joans Farm. Police sent and police filed a report.

Wednesday, March 24

3:29 a.m. - Police out at Atamian Honda with a vehicle running in the lot. They requested back up. Another vehicle had its windows down. Vehicle was secure. Keys were placed in the drop-off slot. Units cleared.

2 p.m. - Front desk at Motel 6 calling to report that there was a male and a female in the main lobby causing a disturbance. Police responded. The two

parties left and officer filed a report.

4:28 p.m. - Caller reported seeing a male run after he heard sirens from the police department at Old Boston Road. The male ran from back of ADAP building to front of building. Male wearing a hoodie, and left the area. Officer was on the scene speaking with the caller. The male party was believed to work at the business there and there was no suspicious activity.

7:32 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle driving around at Maplewood Avenue and Vernon Street. Police reported the vehicle was gone on arrival. Officer filed a report.

Thursday, March 25

12:12 p.m. - Call for a suspicious motor vehicle parked at Delehanty Drive and Whipple Road parked at the top of the road, blue car with a New Hampshire license plate. Police sent. Everything checked out, waiting for child to get off

the bus.

12:45 p.m. - Caller reported her neighbor left notes in a plastic baggy that stated her nephew was going to kill her at Pringle Street. Police sent and filed a report.

4:08 p.m. - Caller from the Oscar Pinata's reported a large fight. Police sent. April Cullinane, 38, of 77 Hollis St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with assault and battery with dangerous weapon (to wit motor vehicle), assault and battery with dangerous weapon (to wit hammer), and creating risk of serious body injury.

Friday, March 26

2:52 p.m. - A 911 call from Cayuga Road for a suspicious male who reportedly tried to get his 12-year old daughter to get in his van. The vehicle was a dark gray mini van which was being operated by a black male in his 40s-50s with scruffy facial hair. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

3:44 p.m. - Caller reported an unwanted party at Chandler Street. Police sent. Ambulance transported one person to Saints and an officer filed a report.

4:19 p.m. - A 911 call from Wings Auto reported two unwanted males. Police sent. Elderly female was confused and not aware male parties had made purchases. Officer filed a report.

5:38 p.m. - A 911 caller reported the employee at Dunkin' Donuts was threatening him. Police sent and officer filed a report.

Saturday, March 27

12:55 a.m. - Front desk at Fairfield Inn reported unwanted guests. Police sent. The parties have been spoken to and would quiet down.

1:16 a.m. - Call from the front desk at Fairfield Inn for a group of 10 people fighting in the parking lot. Police sent. A white sedan with no plates and a light blue Toyota left the area prior to arrival. Caller stated part of the group went back into the hotel.

7:27 a.m. - Caller stated she observed two men and a black van on the cameras in the back of the condos at Main Street. She stated the

men appeared to be working on the AC units and was concerned they were taking parts. Police sent. They spoke with the workers; they have been contracted to work from three units at the condo. Police confirmed with the residents. Caller has been informed.

10:12 a.m. - Call from East Street and Shawshen Street for an erratic driver that was now parked there. Police sent. Nicholas Mak-sou, 38, of 32 Lawrence St. in Lawrence, was arrested and charged with OUI drugs, operation motor vehicle with license suspended, possess class E drugs and possess class B drugs.

10:05 p.m. - Caller reported a fight at Pizza Bar. Police sent. Evan Salih, 29, of 2 Dane St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with vandalize property and two counts of assault and battery.

Sunday, March 28

1:04 p.m. - Caller stated a motor vehicle sat in parking lot at United Methodist Church for hours every day and was facing her house. Police sent. He spoke with the party who said he was just watching movies on his phone. He was made of aware of the no loitering sign and would be vacating.



Wilmington Police Log

Rooster issue leads to complaint filed with health board

Friday, March 19:

6:22 a.m.: A caller on King Street reported seeing a man in a dark jacket, hat, and jeans jump into a dumpster. When police arrived, they discovered that the man was a contractor working on the house where the dumpster was.

7:41 a.m.: On Nichols Street, a brown 2019 Toyota Corolla and a 1998 Toyota Camry were involved in a motor vehicle collision with no injuries or airbag deployment. The Corolla was towed away from the scene, while the Camry remained to repair their tires.

3:03 p.m.: A caller to the Police Department reported that her son had stolen her vehicle, which had been towed on Feb. 24 by state police. After calling the towing company, she confirmed that her son had been with her when the vehicle was towed, as well as when it was released again. Police advised her to contact Connecticut Police for this reason.

Saturday, March 20:

10:29 a.m.: A caller on

West Street reported that catalytic converters had been stolen off of his white 2016 Chevy Silverado 3500, white 2008 Chevy Van G30, white 2018 Chevy Express G3500, and white 2017 Ford Econoline. The theft occurred overnight in an area where the only camera facing the vehicles was on a nearby building. Victims were notified and police recovered some evidence at the scene.

4:46 p.m.: A grey 2017 Ford Focus was found abandoned in a parking lot on Jewel Drive, missing a tire. No nearby businesses were open, nobody was found in the area, and the car had jumper cables inside.

9:09 p.m.: At Lucci's Supermarket Plaza on Lowell Street, a group with a front-end loader was found by police in the parking lot. They reported that they were working at the property with permission from the owner, a fact which was confirmed.

Sunday, March 21:

6:23 a.m.: Samuel Navarro-Torres of 1 Tenney St., Apartment #2 in Methuen was

issued a summons for operating a vehicle with a suspended license after his blue 2003 Dodge Ram Truck was towed on Route 62 and I-93 Northbound Ramp 40. This occurred after the Fire Department responded to the smoking vehicle, which was overheated.

7:49 p.m.: An employee at a restaurant on Main Street reported that two teens had entered the establishment about an hour prior, threw cheese, and left. The employee was unable to get a description of the teens or their vehicle.

9:20 p.m.: On Ballardvale Street, a green 2005 Ford Expedition and a grey 2007 Chevy Tahoe were involved in a motor vehicle collision with a stone wall. Airbags were deployed in the collision and the front left side of a vehicle was damaged with a broken window. The occupants of the vehicles were picked up and their cars towed.

Monday, March 22:

10:34 a.m.: Animal Control officers on Ashwood Avenue freed a bat from a driveway, transferring it to

the nearby woods.

1:44 p.m.: A caller on Washington Avenue made a complaint about a neighbor's rooster, saying it was too loud. They also requested that a petition be filed with the Board of Health and were advised by officers of how to do so directly. They were also assured that a log entry would be filed and the BOH and neighbor made aware.

6:20 p.m.: At Dunkin' Donuts on Lowell Street, the manager reported an ongoing issue with a customer in which they would come in around 5:30 a.m. and yell at female employees about how they made his order. Police advised the manager to contact them when the customer arrived, so that they could take action in the future.

7:34 p.m.: Two callers at As Good As It Gets on Lowell Street reported that a black male in his 30's pulled onto the street and began to take pictures of a middle school-aged girl and her friends at about 5 p.m. The man involved was reported as driving a white, box-shaped SUV. Both callers requested extra patrols of the area.

Tuesday, March 23:

5:50 a.m.: Alexander Sanchez of 4 Walnut St., Apartment #2 in Lynn was arrested on Main Street for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and a failure to stop at a red light. His grey 2008 Toyota Highlander was towed following the incident.

1:26 p.m.: A business owner on Woburn Street reported that a fired employee wouldn't leave the property before taking off in a red 2013 Acura TL. An officer then advised the owner of the procedure for a trespass order.

5:12 p.m.: At Pearle Vision on Main Street, Melissa Marie Yeo was issued a summons for shoplifting a pair of Tiffany glasses before leaving the scene in a grey 2015 Honda Accord.

Wednesday, March 24:

7:10 a.m.: The Water Department reported that a truck bearing the name of DeAngelo Brothers Inc. was taking water from the hydrant at Burger King on Lowell Avenue.

8:37 a.m.: A caller at Ristuccia Memorial Arena on Main Street reported that a catalytic converter had been stolen off of his white 2013 Ford Econoline in the past few days.

1:03 p.m.: A caller on Woburn Street reported hearing about five gunshots in the vicinity of 500 Woburn St. However, police spoke

to the group home manager and found that a landscaping company had been onscene earlier that day trying to breakdown two metal woodworking horses.

Thursday, March 25:

6:33 a.m.: A caller on Brand Street reported that she found a knife on the sidewalk, leaning it up against the fence in the hope that it would be more out of the way. She requested that an officer come get the knife to avoid other people dealing with it privately. When police collected the weapon, they searched for, but were unable to find, the original owner.

11:55 a.m.: A caller at Winchester Family Medical Center on Salem Street reported a strong smell of marijuana coming from a white 2019 Kia. Police eventually spoke to a male and female party who confirmed that they had already spoken about the odor.

8 p.m.: At Heavenly Donuts on Main Street, a driver in a grey 2018 Honda Accord was reported as moving erratically, swerving and traveling at a low speed. Police found the driver, who then passed a field sobriety test.

8:08 p.m.: On Woburn Street, a white 2015 Honda CR-V was involved in a motor vehicle collision with a grey 2003 Honda Accord. No injuries were reported, but both cars were towed

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Town shredding day event in Wilmington

WILMINGTON — Sponsored by the Wilmington Community Fund (WCF)/commfund.org, shredding event takes place on Saturday, April 10, 2021 from 9 a.m. — noon at 142 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington Town Common Parking Lot 4th of July Building. The WCF manages the Wilmington Food Pantry. They encourage participants to bring nonperishable food items or a dona-

tion to support the Pantry. Their motto is "People Helping People," and they are grateful for the partnership of the community to help fight hunger.

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Lifestyle



▲ Tuberous root plants, like the popular Tuberous Begonia, fall under the same growing and care specifications as the tender bulb plants.

Bright idea: plant some bulbs to enjoy in the spring

By **HEATHER BURNS**
News Correspondent

The Easter season is a welcomed time of year for most New Englanders. After the harsh and gloomy weather of a long New England winter, hope springs eternal with every colorful Easter bulb plant.

The magic of Tulips, Hyacinth, and Lilies that we enjoy in the house on Easter Sunday can easily be transplanted to outdoors for years of enjoyment.

Thanks to Mother Nature's clever packaging, bulb plants are one of the easiest types of plants to add to your garden, and require relatively low maintenance.

For those who are unfamiliar with the actual bulb of a bulb plant, it is shaped somewhat like an onion or small turnip, and conveniently houses the root system of some of our favorite spring and summer plants.

Bulb plants can generally be separated into two categories, spring bulbs and summer bulbs.

Spring bulbs, also known as hardy bulbs, are typically planted in the fall, and are "hardy" enough to withstand a cold winter underground until they bloom in early to late spring.

Examples of typical spring bulb plants are some of our favorite Easter plants like Tulips, Daffodils, Iris, Hyacinth and Crocus.

Fall plantings between September and October are recommended for spring bulbs because they need several weeks of cold temperatures to break their dormancy and bloom to their full potential.

Ideally, bulbs should be planted as soon as possible after you purchase them,

but you can take measures to keep your newly acquired Easter plant bulbs safe until the proper planting season in the fall.

To save the bulbs from potted Easter plants, wait until the foliage has faded to brown and remove bulb from the soil. Store dry and hand brush cleaned bulbs in a paper or net bag in a refrigerator drawer until planting season. Be sure to keep bulbs separate from fresh fruit, as bulbs give off ethylene gas that will rot fresh produce quickly. Do not store bulbs in a plastic bag, as the bulbs will not be able to breathe properly and will result in minimal or no growth.

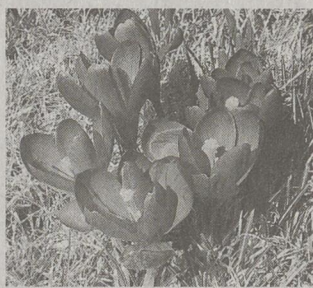
Summer bulbs, also known as tender bulbs, are typically planted in the spring and bloom during the summer and early fall.

Gladiolus, Dahlias, and Lilies are all examples of common summer bulb plants. Summer bulb plants can not tolerate cold temperatures, and should only be planted when there is no longer a risk of a killing frost.

Like spring bulbs, summer bulbs can be stored until the proper planting season. However, they can not be stored in the refrigerator.

To store summer bulbs, keep them in a cool (not cold), dry place like a basement or attached garage where the temperature will stay between 50 and 60 degrees. Like the spring bulb, summer bulbs should also be stored in paper or net bags, not plastic.

Despite the name "Easter Lily," they are not a spring bulb. Easter Lily plants are actually a summer bulb and should be treated with the guidelines



▲ Crocus are one of the earliest blooming spring bulb plants.

you would use for any other tender bulb.

Bulb plants are very versatile, and are suitable for formal gardens, meadow gardens, scattered in the lawn, or strategically placed throughout existing flower beds.

When placing bulbs in your yard keep in mind that bulb plants will require sunlight even after the blooms and foliage have gone by. Bulbs will store the energy from the sun's rays that will be needed for next year's blooming cycle, so even though it may be in a sunny area in April, that same area could be in full shade by June when the trees have sprouted all of their leaves.

Also, many bulbs will naturally multiply in an area over time, so make sure there is ample room for your bulbs to spread when deciding where to plant.

When planning where you would like color in your garden, take into account each variety's bloom time. Plant in combinations of early, mid, and late season blooming to extend the color in your yard.

Bulbs like Tulips, Daffodils, and Iris make a stronger show when planted in groups rather than spreading individual bulbs apart.

The proper way to plant bulbs is in a hole 2 to 3 times as deep as the height of the bulb. If planted too deep, the bulb may bloom late or not at all. If planted too shallow, young, tender growth may get exposure to soon and risk damage or death from the elements.

Once you have the proper hole size, place the pointed end of the bulb up towards the sun, and the rooted side down towards the ground. If you are not sure which side is which, then place the bulb on its side,

▲ Lilies are a popular summer bulb plant, but most varieties are considered tender bulbs, and cannot survive the harsh New England winters.

(Heather Burns photos)

and it will naturally find its way to the surface.

Cover with soil and water well.

Be warned that many woodland critters love to snack on underground bulbs. You can protect your bulbs by placing wire mesh over the beds, or spray beds with a "critter repellent" type of spray. There are many non toxic varieties available at garden centers and hardware stores that will keep unwanted animals away, but will not harm them. You should spray immediately after planting, then spray again in the very early spring, just after snow melt.

If your critter problem persists, consider planting in a protective bulb basket. These can be purchased online or at any garden center, and are placed underground with the bulb to protect it from animals.

Hardy bulbs can stay in the ground year round, but summer bulbs must be dug up and stored if you want to enjoy them again next year.

To safely dig up summer bulbs, in the fall remove any fading foliage or blooms. Carefully loosen the soil around the bulbs and remove. Shake off any extra soil and spread out on dry newspaper in a shady, protected place. Allow bulbs to dry out for several days, making sure they are out of reach of children and animals.

Sore in a paper bag or cardboard box with holes. Keep in a dry basement or area with temperatures between 50-60 degrees. Check monthly for signs of mold or rot.

The term "Bulb Plant" can also apply to plants without a true bulb. Tuberous root plants, such as the indoor and outdoor favorite, Tuberous Begonias, and Corm plants, such as the summer/fall favorite, Liatris, fall under the umbrella of the bulb plant classification, thus all growing and care instructions for tender bulbs can apply to these plant forms.

This year, after your Easter bulb plants have gone by, don't discard them. With very little effort, bulbs can easily be stored and planted in the fall, and the minimal effort you make will pay off next year with an uplifting burst of color.

Enjoy the beauty of your Easter bulb plants as they brighten your garden, and your spirit, for years to come.

Visit the Peabody Bikeway

By **PAIGE IMPINK**
News Correspondent
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If you happen to be up along Route 128 near the North Shore Mall, the Peabody Bikeway is a small, flat, converted trolley line which has been converted to a multi-use path. The trail runs from the mall out into Peabody and back.

It is 3.5 mile roundtrip route, known as an out-and-back trail, and is built on what used to be the Salem and Lowell rail line from Peabody to Wakefield, perfect for biking or walking.

The paved trail is not the quietest of routes on the mall side, but is accessed easily from the Lahey Medical Center parking lot just off of Route 128. The trail does run by some conservation areas as it winds away from the highway so you may catch a glimpse of frogs, turtles, ducks, geese, chipmunks, and birds.

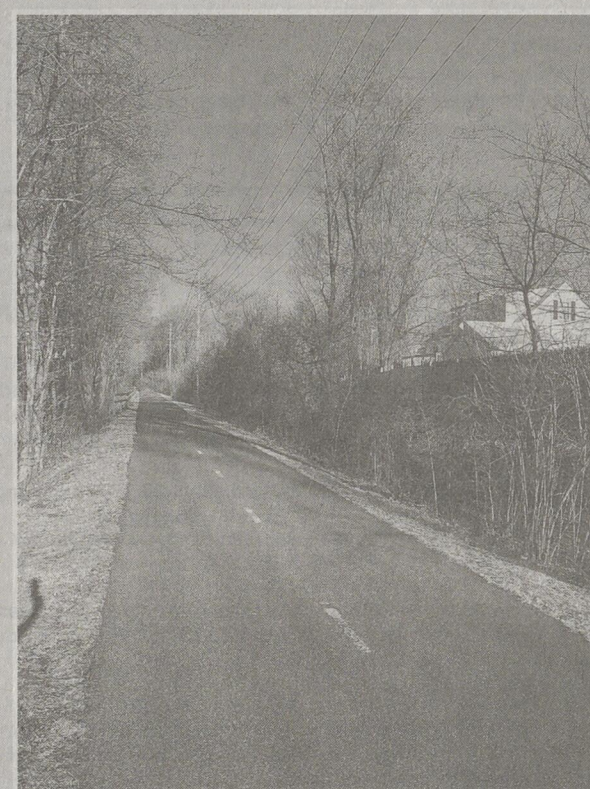
The trail may also be accessed from Peabody

Road and is part of the larger Peabody Independence Greenway.

Using an over-the-road path, walkers or riders can hook up again with the trail to make a 4.6 mile route. The trail, once across the road, follows the Ipswich River. The city was recently awarded a grant to bridge the gap and create a safe route for the disconnected parts of the trail and will extend the trail, ultimately, 10 miles past the Lahey Clinic and into downtown Peabody.

A two-lane pedestrian bridge over Route 1 will make future connections possible, with a plan for construction by 2025. Bikeways on the North Shore are booming with the Danvers Rail Trail, Swampscott Trail, Middleton, Salisbury, Lynn and others and one can easily explore a few trails in a day.

As the weather improves, start adding these trails to your exploration plans.



▲ The Peabody Independence Trail is a nice, flat trail near the North Shore Mall. (Paige Impink photo)

Tiered Focus Monitoring Review of Wilmington Public Schools

WILMINGTON — During the week of May 3, 2021, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Office of Public School Monitoring (PSM) will conduct a Tiered Focused Monitoring Review of Wilmington Public Schools.

The Office of Public School Monitoring visits each district and charter school every three years to monitor compliance with federal and state special education and civil rights regulations. Areas of review related to special education include student assessments, determination of eligibility, the Individualized Education Program (IEP) Team process, and IEP development and implementation.

Areas of review related to civil rights include bullying, student discipline, physical restraint, and equal access to school programs for all students.

In addition to the on-site visit, parent outreach is an important part of the review process. The review chairperson from the Office of Public School Monitoring will send all parents of students with disabilities an online survey that focuses on key areas of their child's special education program. Survey results will contribute to the development of a report. During the onsite review, the Office of Public School Monitoring will interview the chairperson(s) of the district's Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC).

Other onsite activities may include interviews of district staff and administrators, reviews of student records, and onsite observations.

Parents and other individuals may call Michael McDonald, Public School Monitoring Co-Chairperson, at (781) 338-3746 to request a telephone interview. If an individual requires an accommodation, such as translation, to participate in an interview, the Department will make the necessary arrangements.

Within approximately 60 business days after the onsite visit, the review chairperson will provide the district with a report with information about areas in which the district meets or exceeds regulatory requirements and areas in which the district requires assistance to correct or improve practices.

The public will be able to access the report at www.doe.mass.edu/pqa/review/cpr/reports.



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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

Notice of Planning Board Hearing
Relative to
Proposed Zoning By-Law Amendments
Pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, Section 5



The Planning Board of the Town of Tewksbury will hold a public hearing to discuss proposed amendments to the Town's Zoning By-Laws, as submitted for the May 3 & 5, 2021 Annual Town Meeting. The public hearing will be held as follows:

Place: Due to the recent Open Meeting Law policy set forth by the Governor, during the current State of Emergency, the meeting will be held as a virtual meeting. To participate call in 978-771-0819 and view live through the televised cable channels, Comcast Channel 99 and Verizon Channel 33
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021
Time: 7:00 p.m.

The subject matter of the proposed amendments is indicated below. The complete text relative to the proposed amendments is available for inspection during regular business hours at the following locations: Town Clerk's Office and Community Development Office, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA and the Town's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov.

Article

To recodify, and therefore amend, the Zoning By-Law to make the By-Law easier for users to navigate, simplify and update its language, and provide a better structure for predictability and flexibility in both the interests of current use and future adaptability, by:

1. Re-organizing, re-positioning, re-captioning and re-numbering portions of the Zoning Bylaw to enhance accessibility and adaptability;
2. Updating and clarifying the purpose and authority of the Zoning Bylaw to clearly state the Town's legal and factual premises for zoning regulations;
3. Improving definitions to more clearly describe zoning districts, uses, and requirements;
4. Providing consistency with present State law;
5. Eliminating redundant or unnecessary provisions, making amendments such as correcting spelling and typographical errors, and eliminating or updating outdated statutory references;
6. Revising, re-organizing, and clarifying Zoning Bylaw administrative provisions;
7. Reducing number of overlay districts;
8. Strengthening design guidelines in the Town Center District;
9. Adding new definitions;
10. Adding site plan review;
11. Adding request for reasonable accommodations;
12. Adding recreational marijuana establishments, excluding retail;
13. Mandating 15% affordable housing in multifamily developments;
14. Capping multifamily developments to seven units per acre except in the Town Center and Mixed Use Business District;
15. Updating the sign section of the bylaw;
16. Updating Groundwater Protection District based on U.S. EPA and State DEP requirements;
17. Updating Floodplain District based on FEMA requirements;

and by taking the following actions:

1. Deleting in their entirety the following provisions and all their subparts of the existing Zoning By-Law:

Section 1000.	Purpose and Authority;
Section 2000.	Districts;
Section 3000.	Use Regulations;
Section 4000.	Dimensional Regulations;
Section 5000.	General Regulations;
Section 6000.	Special Regulations;
Section 7000.	Special Residential Regulations;
Section 8000.	Overlay Districts;
Section 9000.	Administration and Procedures;
Section 10000.	Definitions;
Appendix A.	Table of Use Regulations;
Appendix B.	Table of Dimensional Requirements;
Appendix C.	Table of Parking Requirements.

2. Substituting the following provisions and their subparts in the zoning article submitted by the Zoning By-Law Committee on file in the office of the Town Clerk and the Department of Planning and Community Development:

Section 1	Purpose and Authority;
Section 2	Definitions;
Section 3	Administration and Enforcement;
Section 4	Establishment of Districts;
Section 5	District Regulations;
Section 6	Site Development Standards;
Section 7	Special Use Regulations;
Section 8	Other Development Regulations;
Appendix A	Table of Uses.

3. And by taking any action related thereto.

Article

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Tewksbury Zoning Map dated January 2020 by replacing it with the Town of Tewksbury Draft Proposed Zoning Map dated 2021.

THE TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD
Robert Fowler, Chair
210279 3/24,31/21

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
CONSERVATION
COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF INTENT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a virtual public hearing on April 7, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. on an application filed by W & C Realty Trust for a Notice of Intent for the construction of a two single family homes. Proposed work is located within the buffer zone of a wetland resource area. The hearing will be conducted via WebEx and will be available for viewing on the following cable public access channels: Verizon Channel 33 and Comcast Channel 99. The public will be able to participate by calling 978-771-0819. Viewing and participation access is subject to change. Please check the meeting agenda 24 hours in advance.

Said property is located at **319 & 321 Marston Street**, Assessor's Map 20 Lots 28 & 87.

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Stefania Gallo
Conservation Agent/
Planner
3/31/21

210334

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
CONSERVATION
COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

Request for Determination
of Applicability

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a virtual public hearing on April 7, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. on an application filed by Pan Am Railways, Inc., Bill Wallace, Chief Engineer of Track & Structures, for a Request for Determination of Applicability for the verification of the wetland boundaries. The hearing will be conducted via WebEx and will be available for viewing on the following cable public access channels: Verizon Channel 33 and Comcast Channel 99. The public will be able to participate by calling 978-771-0819. Viewing and participation access is subject to change. Please check the meeting agenda 24 hours in advance.

Said property is located within the **Pan Am Right of Way**.

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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

FAMILY SUITE
SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on April 12, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. on an application filed by **Red Tail Construction c/o Steve McCullough on behalf of Erminio and Michelle Grasso** for a Family Suite Special Permit under Section 3400 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw for a family suite not to exceed 1,000 square feet as shown on plans filed with this Board. The hearing will be conducted via WebEx and will be available for viewing on the following cable public access channels: Verizon Channel 33 and Comcast Channel 99. The public will be able to participate by calling 978-771-0819. Channels subject to change.

Said property is located at **15 Plunkett Way**, Assessor's Map 39, Lot 101, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Robert Fowler, Chairman
3/31/21

210348

Governor signs climate legislation into law

BOSTON — Governor Charlie Baker signed into law landmark climate legislation, known as the Next Generation Climate Roadmap. The Massachusetts House and Senate had previously passed this nation-leading legislation on March 18.

The new law overhauls the state's climate laws, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, advances the clean energy industry, improves gas pipeline safety, and prioritizes and protects environmental justice communities.

"Passing this legislation is one of the most important things we can do for our community and our future. It sets achievable standards that will reduce greenhouse gasses, while building a clean energy industry that will sustain the Commonwealth's ecology and economy," said State Representative Tram T. Nguyen (D-Andover). "I want to thank House Speaker Mariano and Senate President Spilka for their leadership in passing this bill early this session, and Senator Barrett and Representatives Golden, Roy, and Meschino for their hard work in compiling this breakthrough legislation."

The passage of the climate bill comes after a joint commitment from Senate President Karen E.

Spilka and House Speaker Ronald Mariano to quickly refile the legislation following a gubernatorial veto last session. Earlier this session Governor Baker offered amendments to the bill, which were considered by the Legislature. The House and Senate rejected efforts to slow the rate of progress toward net-zero emissions by 2050, while accepting several more technical amendments that improve the bill.

The final legislation:

- Sets a statewide net-zero limit on greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 and mandates emissions limits every five years, as well as sub limits for transportation, buildings, and other sectors of the economy.

- Codifies environmental justice provisions into Massachusetts law, defining environmental justice populations and providing new tools and protections for affected neighborhoods.

- Prioritizes equitable access to the state's solar programs by low-income communities.

- Encourages offshore wind, as well as use of solar power in commercial and residential buildings, and in environmental justice communities, and provides for a pilot geothermal energy program.

- Sets benchmarks for the adoption of clean energy technologies including electric vehicles, charging stations, solar technology, energy storage, heat pumps and anaerobic digesters.

• Establishes \$12 million in annual funding for the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center to create a pathway to the clean energy industry for environmental justice populations, minority-owned and women-owned businesses, and fossil fuel workers.

- Creates a first-time greenhouse gas emissions standard for municipal lighting plants that requires them to purchase 50 percent non-emitting electricity by 2030, 75 percent by 2040 and "net zero" by 2050.

- Adopts several measures aimed at improving gas pipeline safety, including increased fines for safety violations, provisions related to training and certifying utility contractors, and setting interim targets for companies to reduce leak rates.

"The emphasis on pipeline safety is especially important in my community, which suffered great losses, including loss of life, with the Columbia Gas pipeline explosion," added Rep. Nguyen. "This bill ensures that gas companies take safety seriously, and it helps move us toward clean, safe, renewable energy."

Baker Administration urged to prioritize vaccine supply to regional collaboratives

BOSTON — In a letter to Health and Human Services Secretary MaryLou Sudders, 54 state legislators urged the Baker Administration to prioritize the distribution of COVID-19 vaccine to Regional Collaboratives. These Regional Collaboratives have been established across the Commonwealth and provide unique vaccine access for many Massachusetts residents.

They have the capacity to administer 3,750 vaccines a week, and the state should utilize these infrastructures that are already in place.

The letter, signed by State Representative Tram T. Nguyen (D-Andover), follows the governor's announcement that the state expected increases in vaccine supply in the coming weeks.

"Local vaccination clinics work," said Rep. Nguyen. "They are much more accessible to seniors and people with disabilities, as well as low-income families with no transportation. They have also been incredibly effective in vaccinating local teachers, so that schools can return to full-time learning safely. It benefits all of our communities to increase vaccine supply to the regional collaboratives."

In the letter, legislators wrote: "Regional Collaboratives are powered by local public health officials who have earned the trust of our communities. They have prepared to scale their work to reach their maximum capacity. Our constituents have expressed interest and, in most cases, a preference for these local, familiar sites."

Legislators expressed concern that, as the state focuses on the seven mass vaccination sites, these regional collaboratives are critically underutilized, causing "confusion, distrust, and disappointment at the local level." In addition, the letter noted that not every county has a mass vaccination site, and not every resident has transportation to get to one.

"We speak a great deal about vaccine equity," said Rep. Nguyen. "But it's not equitable to make those in hard-hit communities have to compete for local doses, or travel an hour to a mass vaccination site. Local clinics can better address vaccine hesitancy as well, as trust is already established. Equity means supplying regional sites to their full capacity — which is substantial."

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LEGAL NOTICE

Deadline to place a legal notice for Wednesday's edition is Monday at 10 A.M.

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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON,
MASSACHUSETTS

INVITATION TO BID

ASBESTOS ABATEMENT
OF CEILING TILES AND
REPLACEMENT AT THE
WOBURN STREET SCHOOL
227 WOBURN STREET
WILMINGTON
Project No. 221 127.00

The bidding and award of this Contract shall be in full compliance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, §26 to 27H, as last revised, all Federal, State and Town of Wilmington regulations when applicable in relation to Minority Business Enterprise, Women's Business Enterprise, Minority Work Force, Equal Employment Opportunity, and subject to the minimum wage rates set under the Massachusetts Prevailing Wage Law Chapter 149, §26 to 27H and/or any applicable federal rates. Town of Wilmington, MA, the Awarding Authority, (hereinafter referred to as "Owner"), by the Office of the Town Manager, will receive sealed

bids from responsible and eligible bidders for the General Contract ("Contractor") for the Asbestos Abatement of Ceiling Tiles and Replacement at the Woburn Street School, 227 Woburn Street, Wilmington, MA until 10:00 A.M. local time, Thursday, April 15, 2021, at the Office of the Town Manager, Wilmington Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, at which time they will be opened, read, and registered via zoom. No filed sub-bids will be used for this project. Late bids will not be accepted and/or will be deemed non-responsive.

The DCAMM classification required for the general contractor is "Ceiling Tiles". The estimated construction cost for the Base Bid scope of work is \$515,000.00.

Sealed bid in envelope should be plainly marked: "Bid for Asbestos Abatement of Ceiling Tiles and Replacement at the Woburn Street School"

The work includes: Removal and disposal of asbestos containing materials and replacement as called out in the specifications.

A strongly advised non-mandatory Pre-bid site visit will be Wednesday, April 7, 2021. Starting at 9:00 AM, the contractors shall meet at 30 Church

Street, Wilmington to sign-in. Pre-bid will then commence at the Woburn Street School, 227 Woburn Street, Wilmington, MA at 9:30 AM.

Detailed specifications are available at the Town of Wilmington website (<http://www.wilmingtonma.gov/purchasing-department>), after March 31, 2021. Questions will be accepted until April 9, 2021 at 1:00 PM and shall be emailed to adieb@uec-env.com.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a Bid security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total value of the Bid in the form of a Bid bond or certified/treasurer's check.

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 149, § 29, the Contractor shall furnish a performance bond in an amount of 100% of the total Contract price and a labor and materials payment bond in an amount of 100% of the total Contract price from a surety company qualified to do business under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and satisfactory to the Town or furnished and materials used or employed therein, when the Contract is executed.

All bids for this project are subject to applicable public bidding laws of Massachusetts, including G.L. c.149, §§44A through 44H, as amended.

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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON
CONSERVATION
COMMISSION

PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Meeting will be conducted via remote participation on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., in compliance with provisions of MGL Chapter 131, Section 40, and 310 CMR 10.00 on a Request for Determination of Applicability, filed by the Town of Wilmington, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, owner and applicant. This filing is for reconstruction of the existing tennis and basketball courts. This work is within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, MGL Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. This property is located at 298 Shawheen Avenue, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map 22 Parcel 15. The hearing will be conducted via Zoom. The public will be able to participate by using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83953570486?pwd=Njg3b1hqRnRlZlZlSFZlYkU1MhZz09> or by calling in at 1-646-558-8656 and entering meeting ID 839 5357 0486. A copy of the application is on file at the Department of Planning & Conservation, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and can be requested by emailing cpepe@wilmingtonma.gov between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Donald Pearson, Chair
Conservation Commission
210346 3/31/21

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON
BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. on the following applications:

Case 3-21 and 4-21
Robert W. Lesko
125 Aldrich Road
Map 9, Parcel 86

-to acquire a Special Permit for the Ground Water Protection District § 6.6.7.7
-to acquire a Variance for a garage to be 20 feet from lot lines where 40 feet is required as home is a corner lot having two frontages

Case 5-21
Denna Wright
1 Baker Street
Map 44, Parcel 106

-to acquire a variance to construct a farmer's porch 25.4' from the lot line where 30' is required to improve the entrance for the home daycare

Case 6-21
Kevin and Patricia Mawn
290 Salem Street
Map 84, Parcel 159B

-to acquire a Special Permit for the Ground Water Protection District § 6.6.7.7 for an above ground pool

210286 3/31, 4/7/21

Attention is further directed to the requirements of G.L. c.149, §44D requiring submission of a Division of Capital Asset Management approved Certificate of Eligibility and Update Statement with all bids.

Selection of the contractor will be based upon bidder qualifications, including evidence of past performance in similar projects, and bid price. The contract will be awarded to the bidder deemed to be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder.

The bidder agrees that its bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of the bids.

The Town reserves the right to waive any informalities, to accept or reject, in whole or in part any or all bids, or take whatever other action may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

The project is subject to approval by the Town Meeting on or after May 1, 2021.

Non-responsive and/or unbalanced bids may be rejected.

Town of Wilmington,
Massachusetts
Jeffrey M. Hull, Town Manager
210320 3/31/21

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT

MIDDLESEX DIVISION INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI21P0911EA

Estate of:
Richard J. Kelley
Date of Death: 12/28/2020

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Barbara Ann Bell of Westford MA.

Barbara Ann Bell of Westford MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate
and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street,
Cambridge, MA 02141

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR REMOVAL
OF A GUARDIAN OF AN
INCAPACITATED PERSON

Docket No. MI98P2121GI4

In the Interests of:
Margaret Warden
Of: HAVERHILL, MA
RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/
Protected Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Oxford Rehabilitation center of Haverhill, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Remove the Guardian of the Respondent

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 04/13/2021. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 16, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
210333 3/31/21

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT

MIDDLESEX DIVISION INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI21P1238EA

Estate of:
Gary W. Senarian
Also Known As:
Gary Senarian
Date of Death:
January 07, 2021

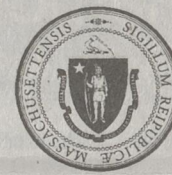
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Michael Senarian of Wilmington MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Michael Senarian of Wilmington MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate
and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI21P1361EA

Estate of: Lydia S. Bernard
Also known as: Lydia Bernard
Date of Death: 07/12/2020

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Stephen D. Scurini, Jr. of North Andover MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Stephen D. Scurini, Jr. of North Andover MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/21/2021.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION UNDER
THE MASSACHUSETTS
UNIFORM PROBATE
CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 24, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
210336 3/31/21



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2018 Honda Civic LX Sedan H210118, Auto., Black, 14K miles	\$15,498
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Lunar Silver • 7K miles



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2018 Honda Pilot EX-L HP7084, Auto., Obsidian Blue, 26K miles	\$29,998
2016 Chevy Silverado LT Crewcab H2013261, 4WD, Auto., Silver Ice, 63K miles	\$29,998
2018 Honda Pilot EX-L H210257, Auto., Black, 26K miles	\$29,998
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▲ The Carmon Cunningham Business Legacy Award Presented to Dawn Callahan of TJ Callahan's Pub in Tewksbury in recognition of her contributions to the Wilmington-Tewksbury Chamber of Commerce, the business community and the greater community at large. Dawn leads by example and always offers a helping hand and is a friend to all. Pictured are Tewksbury Town selectman and Wilmington-Tewksbury Chamber of Commerce President Mark Kratman, TJ Callahan's owner Dawn Callahan, Executive Director of the Chamber Nancy Vallee and Sherri Hubbard. (photo: Bruce Hilliard.com)

Callahan receives Business Legacy Award

TEWKSBURY — On March 26, Wilmington/Tewksbury Chamber of Commerce Board President Mark Kratman and Chamber Executive Director Nancy Vallee, presented the 2021 Carmon Cunningham Business Legacy Award to Dawn Callahan, Owner of TJ Callahan's Pub at 1475 Main St., Tewksbury, for her business success and generosity to the community.

Nominations for the award were solicited from community business owners and residents. Here are a few excerpts from those nominations:

"Dawn ensures everyone that visits TJ Callahan's Pub feels like family, has great food and drink, and most of all enjoys a fun night out."

"Dawn's kindness, generosity and compassion to the community is something everyone admires. Dawn is the first to ask 'how can I help' with any business or charity event. She consistently donates her time and banquet space to these causes and many more."

• Dawn hosts monthly in person meetings for the Lions Club, Patriotic Committee and for high school fundraisers.

• Dawn held the first ever Meat Bingo fundraiser at TJ Callahan's for the Lions Club, now a popular event within the community.

• Dawn started the first ever motorcycle run for the Lions Club gaining support from local and surrounding towns.

• Dawn partners with the local food pantry committee, hosting annual kick-offs and a drop off location at TJ Callahan's for food donations.

• Dawn donates to the Vacation Getaway fundraiser and the wildly popular scratch ticket fundraiser.

• Dawn partners with the Vision Committee each year in conjunction with opticians to utilize the eye scanner for seniors and collect eyeglasses to give to volunteer missionaries for the needy vision impaired people in third world countries.

• Dawn consistently donates band cover charge and banquet room space to benefit folks in need in the community and numerous nonprofit organizations including the Cham-

ber of Commerce."

"Dawn brings great business, life and energy to the community and is so deserving of this award."

About the Award

Before his untimely passing in 2016, Carmon Cunningham was the owner of the successful Cleaner Spot Dry Cleaners and Tailor at Wilmington Crossing. Carmon had been a member of the Chamber's Board of Directors for five years, serving as the president in 2013 and 2014.

Carmon was also very involved in a host of community and business organizations and charitable endeavors and was very well liked and respected by all he interacted with.

The Carmon Cunningham Business Legacy

Letter to the editor

Tewksbury Teachers Assoc. endorses Parsons and Wall for School Committee

To the editor:

The Tewksbury Teachers Association is proud to endorse Nick Parsons and Deb Wall for the School Committee.

Both Parsons and Wall believe that there needs to be more transparency in the decisions made by the superintendent and the School Committee, and are looking for Tewksbury Public Schools to be more responsive to students, parents, and staff.

Their goals for our schools are exactly what

we need to help TPS move forward, and they will help bring about needed change to enhance learning and instruction in our schools.

Please vote April 10 for Nick Parsons and Deb Wall for School Committee.

Sincerely,

Josh Bilodeau,

President, TTA

Lisa Zullo,

Political Committee

Chair & Vice President,

TTA

Julie Taggart,

Vice President, TTA

Klucznik named to Dean's List at Lehigh University

BETHLEHEM, PA — Dean's List status, which is awarded to students who earned a scholastic average of 3.6 or better while carrying at least 12 hours of regularly graded courses, has been granted to Ellen Klucznik of

Wilmington in the fall 2020 semester.

For more than 150 years, Lehigh University (lehigh.edu) has combined outstanding academic and learning opportunities with leadership in fostering innovative research.

Award is presented each year to an individual who (1) has achieved exceptional business success in his/her lifetime and (2) inspires, is innovative and makes an impact in Wilmington and Tewksbury communities, leaving a legacy of community and economic vitality for generations to come.

The award is given to a Chamber member who embodies similar characteristics of the late Carmon Cunningham. Therefore, the recipient must be encouraging, supportive, maintain a positive atti-

tude and cheerful disposition, while bringing life and energy to the community. The recipient must also have an incredible work ethic and provide a positive atmosphere in the workplace.

Past recipients

2017: Carmon Cunningham, The Cleaner Spot Dry Cleaners (posthumously)

2018: Michael Champoux, Winbrook

2019: Rick Lowe, Tremezzo Ristorante

2020: Sheila Bissett, Aleppo Shriners

Contract With Tewksbury

- 1 Oppose changing the Redmen Mascot
- 2 Pledge to Support the annual tax shift away from the Home & Condo owners.
- 3 Fight to make sure that only U.S. citizens can vote in Town elections.
- 4 Oppose "fee in-lieu of" with regards to affordable units
- 5 The Route 38 Project: Support Fair Share Amendment for additional revenue
- 6 Lobby for overnight work on Route 38 to speed up completion, help businesses and reduce traffic time.
- 7 Pledge 20% of stipend to be divided between Into Action Recovery and Merrimack Valley Food Bank.
- 8 Lobby for a Full Time Grant Writer Position that will pay for itself in the short term and help realign the budget if possible/necessary.
- 9 Support More Senior & Veterans Housing for the North and Trahan reuse
- 10 Pledge like the Founding Founders to serve 2 terms if elected and go back into private life.

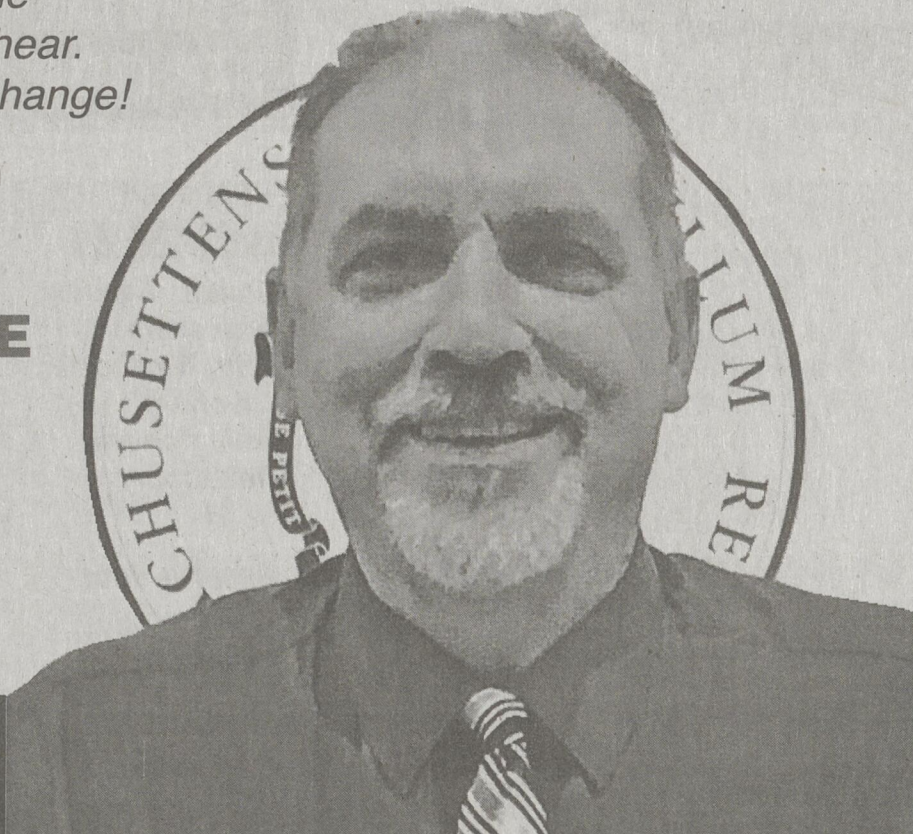
I am not the polished candidate, I'm not the candidate that will tell you what you want to hear. No more of the status quo. It's past time for a change!

On Saturday, April 10th the direction of the town is in your hands.

I ask for your Vote for

CHANGE WITH EXPERIENCE

George Ferdinand
for Selectmen



OBITUARIES

Joan M. Cuoco

Due to the pandemic, funeral services private

Joan M. Cuoco, age 90, a long-time resident of Wilmington, passed away on Feb. 23, 2021.

Joan was the beloved wife of the late Albert Cuoco, devoted mother of Albert Cuoco and his wife Sharon of Hampstead, NH, formerly of North Andover, Janice Cuoco of Burlington and Jeffrey Cuoco of Woburn, loving "Grandma" of Stephanie

Sack and Caroline Cuoco, great-grandmother of Olivia, Ava and Ella, cherished daughter of the late John and Ida (McNair) Frenette, dear sister of Robert Frenette & his wife Brenda of Michigan and the late Kenneth, John, Gordon and Douglas Frenette.

Joan is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Due to the current pan-

demic, Funeral Services for Joan will be private.

Memorial donations in Joan's name may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452.

Arrangements under the direction of Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., Wilmington, MA.

www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Gregory Holden

General contractor for more than 30 years

Gregory Holden, 66, passed away March 18, 2021, with his best friend and loving partner by his side at Gosnell Memorial Hospice after a five month battle with pancreatic cancer.

Gregory was born in Boston on Nov 17, 1954. He was the oldest of four children, born to Dennis Lee Holden and Elizabeth Anne Fox Holden.

The family moved to Tewksbury in August of 1955. Greg was raised in Tewksbury where he played hockey and the trumpet with the Orbiters Marching band. He graduated from Tewksbury Memorial High School in 1972.

In his youth he attended the South Tewksbury United Methodist Church. He was also a member of the Tewksbury-Wilmington Elks.

Greg moved his family to Maine in 1990 where he worked as a general contractor for over 30 years.

In his free time, Greg loved to play golf, billiards and darts. He was an all-star baseball player and spent many years coaching youth leagues.

He was a sports fanatic who loved the Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots. He enjoyed collecting baseball cards, sports

memorabilia and various libations.

He loved and laughed and cooked and ate and golfed and built. He was a proud man with a generous spirit. He believed in always telling it "like it is" and in leading by example. He gave all of us his love in the biggest ways possible. He was taken far too early and has left many with a hole in their heart.

Gregory is predeceased by his parents and younger brother Geoffrey Holden, who passed away in March of 1988.

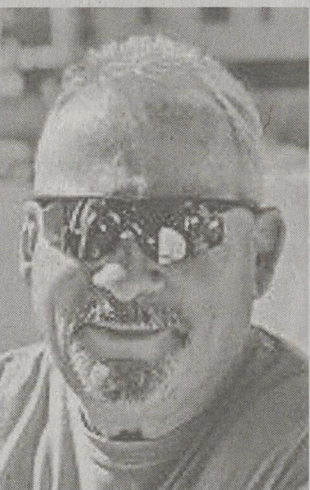
He leaves behind the love of his life and best friend, Sheryll McCaslin of Westbrook.

His three children: Gregory Holden, and his wife Mary Holden, of Gorham, Lindsay Holden of Portland and Edward Holden of Lewiston.

His two sisters: Linda McAvoy, and her husband Ed, of Tewksbury and Beth Geoffroy of Haverhill.

He was the loving uncle to Lauren and Kelsey McAvoy of Tewksbury and Elizabeth Geoffroy of Idaho, and leaves behind many grandchildren who were near and dear to his heart.

Due to COVID restrictions, a private memorial



service will be held on Friday for the family. Visiting hours for friends and extended family will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 26 at Dolby, Blais & Segee Funeral Chapel, 35 Church St., Westbrook, Maine. A celebration of life will take place during the summer of 2021.

To express online condolences or to participate in Gregory's online tribute please visit www.dolbyblaissegee.com

The family has requested that remembrances be made in the form of contributions to Gosnell Memorial Hospice, 11 Hunnewell Road, Scarborough, ME 04074

Americo M. 'Sonny' Enos, Sr.

Served in the US Navy during Korean War

Americo M. "Sonny" Enos, Sr., age 91, a long-time resident of Wilmington, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on March 25, 2021.

Sonny was born on Aug. 29, 1929, in Somerville; he was the dear son of the late Peter and Margaret Enos. Sonny was raised and educated in Somerville and Cambridge; he was one of 10 siblings who were brought up in a large and loving family.

As a young boy, Sonny showed signs of being a very talented musician. By the age of 9, he was proficient on the drums, and, a year later, he started a professional career with the Portuguese Liberty Band of Cambridge.

Throughout those early years, Sonny's musical career moved quickly; he combined extensive musical training and the practical experience he learned with bands of all types and sizes to perfect his skills. Sonny was always learning and looking forward to the day when he could form his own musical group; through much trial and error, he finally succeeded in putting together the Sonny Stephens Orchestra.

Sonny carried his passion for music throughout his whole life. He shared this talent with his children, who are also successful musicians; one who is a professor of music.

Sonny enlisted in the United States Navy on Sept. 29, 1950. He proudly served the country during the Korean War. Sonny served overseas aboard the USS LST 529 for more than two years before returning stateside. He was honorably discharged on March 3, 1954 and returned home to his family.

On June 23, 1956, Sonny married the "love of his life" Ermelinda "Emily" Souza; the couple lived in Arlington for several years before moving "up country" to Wilmington where they made their home.

Sonny and Emily became parents to eight wonderful children and shared many happy times as a family before tragedy struck, and Emily passed on Sept. 3, 1971, leaving Sonny to raise their family.

Sonny's deep faith in God along with help from his family and friends aided him in the adjustment to his new role as a single parent. After a few months, he was able to manage on his own but was forever grateful for their help. Sonny's family was always his priority; he showered his children with unconditional love and devotion while leading by example.

He showed his children the importance of faith, family, friends, a good education, hard work, and community involvement; all lessons that have made them successful parents and responsible individuals.

Sonny was very active in their daily lives with school, sports, band, and other activities. He coached his sons on several championship teams in the Wilmington Little League for many years. Sonny treated all his players as if they were his own children and encouraged them to be their best; he was a beloved coach, mentor, and friend to many.

Sonny's work ethic was commendable; in 1958 he

took a position as a furniture repairman with the Jordan Marsh Company in Quincy and was appointed shop foreman. After the passing of his wife, Emily, he transferred into a furniture sales position at Jordan Marsh in Burlington to be closer to his children.

Sonny's endearing personality, along with his impeccable people skills, earned him the top salesman award for many years in a row.

Sonny was a great provider for his family. When his children were young, he worked during the day as a furniture repairman and in the evening and on weekends would play gigs with his band; his energy was endless.

Sonny retired from Jordan Marsh after more than 34 years with the company and left having made many life-long friends.

Shortly after moving to Wilmington, Sonny and Emily became active parishioners at St. Thomas of Villanova Church where they attended Mass with their children. Sonny would help in any way he could and was the head Usher at 9:30 Mass on Sunday for many years.

Sonny had a strong and deep faith throughout his life; he instilled that faith in his children, taught them to trust in God, and how the power of prayer would help them through their toughest times. He joined the Fr. Croke Council #4982 Knights of Columbus, working his way up to a Fourth Degree Knight and volunteering many hours to help out in any way he could.

Throughout the years, Sonny served as Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator, and Commander of the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard. He marched in countless parades, stood Guard at the wakes for his Brother Knights who passed before him, organized yearly Mass of the Roses ceremonies at the church, and helped with many fundraisers to benefit the community.

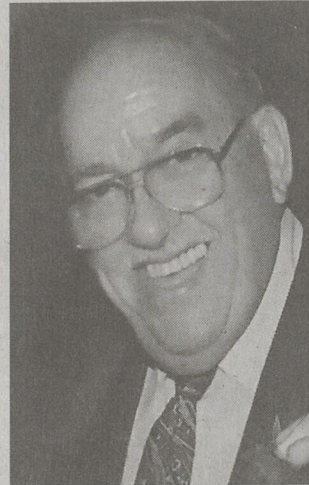
In his later years, Sonny joined the Men's Club at St. Williams Parish in Tewksbury where he ran the weekly Bingo games. The culmination of his active service to God and God's Church was the awarding by Cardinal Sean O'Malley of the Bishop Cheverus Award of which he was extremely proud.

In his spare time, Sonny enjoyed golfing, playing cribbage, and traveling the country in his RV where he could see new places and meet new people. He loved baseball and was an avid Red Sox fan; Sonny looked forward to taking in a game with his family and was thrilled to see them win the World Series more than once.

Sonny also loved "his Patriots" and was excited to follow their dynasty over the last 20 years.

Sonny's passion for big bands and love for good musical talent never waned throughout the years; his home was always filled with the sounds of Glen Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Benny Goodman, Gene Krupa, Buddy Rich, and Frank Sinatra to name a few; all talents that he enjoyed listening to with family and friends.

Sonny will be fondly remembered for his endearing personality, big heart, and million dollar smile. He was outgoing, friendly, and went out of his way to help anyone in need. Sonny had a great sense of humor. He was a "people



person" and a big flirt who loved to greet the ladies with a "Where's my Kiss?"

Sonny was a great friend and neighbor who always asked about your family and how you were doing. He was truly interested in the welfare of others. Sonny's love for his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren was evident in everything he did; they were his world, and he was so proud of each of them. Sonny was certainly "one of a kind" and a great guy who will forever be in the hearts of those he touched.

Sonny was the beloved husband of the late Ermelinda "Emily" (Souza) Enos, devoted father of Ermelinda M. "Linda" Whitten and husband Charles of Gorham, ME; Americo M. "Rico" Enos, Jr. and wife Katherine of Wilmington; Stephen F. Enos of Cleveland, OH; Philip J. Enos, Sr. and wife Sharon of Wilmington; Janet E. Day and husband Scott of Gainesville, GA; Peter M. Enos and wife Marilyn of Woodland Hills, CA; Robert J. Enos and wife Teresa of Tewksbury; and Christine E. Camp and husband Stephen of Thousand Oaks, CA.

Loving "Papa" of Amelia, Tiffany, Jessica, Emily, Sara, Philip Jr., James, Joseph, Sean, Emily, Bethany, Emma, Nicholas, Jonah, Bianca, and Felicia and "Big Papa" to his great-grandchildren Arianna, Samaya, Kennedy, Elias, Joseph, Emily, Hailley, Caitlin, Madeline, Colin, Teagan, Fallon, Quinn, and Augustine.

Cherished son of the late Peter and Margaret (dos Santos) Enos, dear brother of the late Peter Enos, Mary Gouvea, Frank Enos, Margaret Pimentel, Lawrence Enos, Virginia Enos, Emily Morgan, Joachim Enos, and Anthony Enos.

Sonny is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and their families as well as his long time companion, Donna Carifio.

Family and friends gathered for Visiting Hours at St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, on Tuesday, March 30, 2021, from 3 - 7 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial for Sonny took place at the Church on Wednesday, March 31, 2021, at 10 a.m. Interment with Military Honors followed in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Sonny's memory to the Americo M. Enos, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund, and mail checks to Philip J. Enos, Sr., 25 Dandant Drive, Wilmington, MA 01887. Sonny was a passionate and talented musician; his Scholarship Fund will be awarded to a student who plans to further his/her education in music.

Funeral Arrangements are under the direction of the Nichols Funeral Home, Wilmington.

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Mike Bello Fundraiser



Tewksbury Community Pantry board member Mike Bello suffered a stroke in early March and a GoFundMe campaign has been set up to help defray medical and living expenses for his family. Mike is a past Grand Knight of the Tewksbury Knights of Columbus and he and his wife Terrijoan have been dedicated volunteers in town. Whether it is running a food drive or helping with an event at the Knights, a prom for specially-abled students, organizing a hoop shoot, or supporting the library, the Bellos have been ready to heed the call. Donations may be made via Gofundme.com and search for Mike and Terri's Medical Expense Help.

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Town to conduct Youth Risk Behavior Survey as planned

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suggested the three groups would carefully consider how to collect the data and feedback to form the answers that they're looking for. Jay Samaha said that he's excited to see the outcomes of this review and see the middle school turn around.

The next item of the report was the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, or YRBS, being conducted as planned. Brand said that his intention is to share the results of the survey once the data is compiled and sent to the district. Jenn Bryson mentioned the deadline to opt out of the survey was that same day when M. J. Byrnes wondered if there were a lot who opted out.

Brand went on to share a joint memo from Town Manager Jeff Hull and himself on the direction provided as part of the Massachusetts School Building Authority application process. The memo said that they communicated their interest in consolidating schools, which was also a suggestion of the Facilities Master Plan.

The options they told the MSBA that the town isn't interested in were one large pre-k-5 school for the entire community, one large pre-k-3 school for the entire community, just a pre-k school, and one pre-k-4

school. He said that the MSBA will be making decisions on the week of April 14. Should the town be invited in, he added that there will be plenty of opportunity for community feedback.

His last item was to announce that Tristen Dixey is leaving her position as Executive Assistant to the Superintendent. Brand said her replacement would be starting April 1 and be able to cross-train with Dixey before she leaves. M. J. Byrnes told Dixey that she's sad to see her go.

After the report, the committee got to the second reading of the fiscal year 2022 school calendar. The main update Brand mentioned was that the number of early release professional development days was reduced, per their request. Even with the number reduced, Samaha said he'd have preferred even fewer of these days.

Byrnes asked if there were any discussions happening about recovering educational learning losses. Brand answered that it was under the committee's purview to add days onto the calendar, but there wasn't any discussion about using extra school days for learning loss. He also said that, generally speaking, it's not a good idea to pursue student retention.

Bryson reassured the committee that this sort of work is being done

throughout the year in regular assessments. Assistant Superintendent Christine Elliott chimed in to say that pre-assessments will be taken at the beginning of each unit to target learning losses.

Ragsdale shared concern for the first week of school being only a day and a half and suggested that the first day of school for students be a full day that Wednesday. Brand explained that this week was shortened because they had moved the usual November professional development day to the beginning of school, having two professional development days to start the year.

Other possibilities he brought up were starting school after Labor Day, on Sept. 7, instead of the week before, or moving the half day to that week. There was support for having a full day on the Wednesday before Labor Day.

Fennelly asked if the start of school was moved back would accordingly push back the first day for pre-k and kindergarten, who were already set to start on the 7th. Brand answered that the start for pre-k and kindergarten wouldn't need to change.

The committee did not take a vote to accept the calendar as it was but asked for further revisions. Their next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 7 at 7 p.m.

Committee discusses possible role of new advisory group

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work outside of what the PACs do. David Ragsdale also wanted to make sure that this group didn't step on the toes of other already existing groups.

That said, Ragsdale said there was certainly a place in Wilmington for this type of group. Jay Samaha supported the working group figuring out where they should fall and how they'll work alongside with the PACs.

Jenn Bryson shared that she sees an opportunity for parents to talk with administration, teachers, and the superintendent.

"I think the public comment alone over the last year has told us that parents and guardians want us to hear them," she said.

She agreed that it seemed apt to capitalize on this time of increased interest from parents who are excited to get involved.

While agreeing that communication could be better, Byrnes continued to say that she couldn't see the proposed group fitting as a subcommittee of the School Committee and would prefer something more "outside of the box."

"We can't host a subcommittee beyond our purview," she said.

Jo Newhouse reminded everyone of a previous district advisory committee that fell under the superintendent, made up of par-

ents from every school, teachers from every grade level, and community members. Bryson suggested reviving the Family Community Engagement Subcommittee as a starting point for collaboration with the working group.

Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand commented that he'd look forward to engaging with this group in whatever form it takes shape.

"I don't think it's anything but something to be gained," he said.

He added that he's open to building more opportunity for parent engagement.

Bryson named the members on the Family Community Engagement Subcommittee as herself, Samaha, and Newhouse. She also said she'd be hesitant to assign another thing onto the superintendent's plate when Jesse Fennelly said that that would be his preference.

"I think the subcommittee is going to do some of [the work to determine the scope and role of the parent-advisory group]," said Samaha.

As the board discussed what restrictions would be placed upon the working group if they began under the aforementioned subcommittee, Fennelly wondered if the working group should start determining where they want to fall without being subject to

the subcommittee and open meeting laws.

Byrnes asked the parents what they would prefer. The presenters also seemed hesitant to be subject immediately to the subcommittee. They agreed in the end that the working group would start their work and report to the Family Community Engagement Subcommittee, who could in turn report back to the School Committee.

In correspondence, Byrnes read a related email from a member of the Shawshen Parent Advisory Council. The email stated that the PAC had received information on the proposal to the School Committee only the night before, which didn't leave them enough time to respond in the public comment section of the meeting.

"PACs are independent, elected by parents, and don't need a committee of unelected individuals overseeing them," it read.

The PAC asked the committee via email not to take any action on the proposal until all of the PACs had received the parent advisory group's proposal and had an opportunity to respond, which was in the end what the committee did.



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Arena said that the parent company, BluePrint Healthcare is also proud of its multicultural staff.

"We have people with heritage from around the globe working with us," Arena noted, adding that the group looks forward to reaching out to local employers to offer their employee medical screening services and to school nurses to offer their sports physical services.

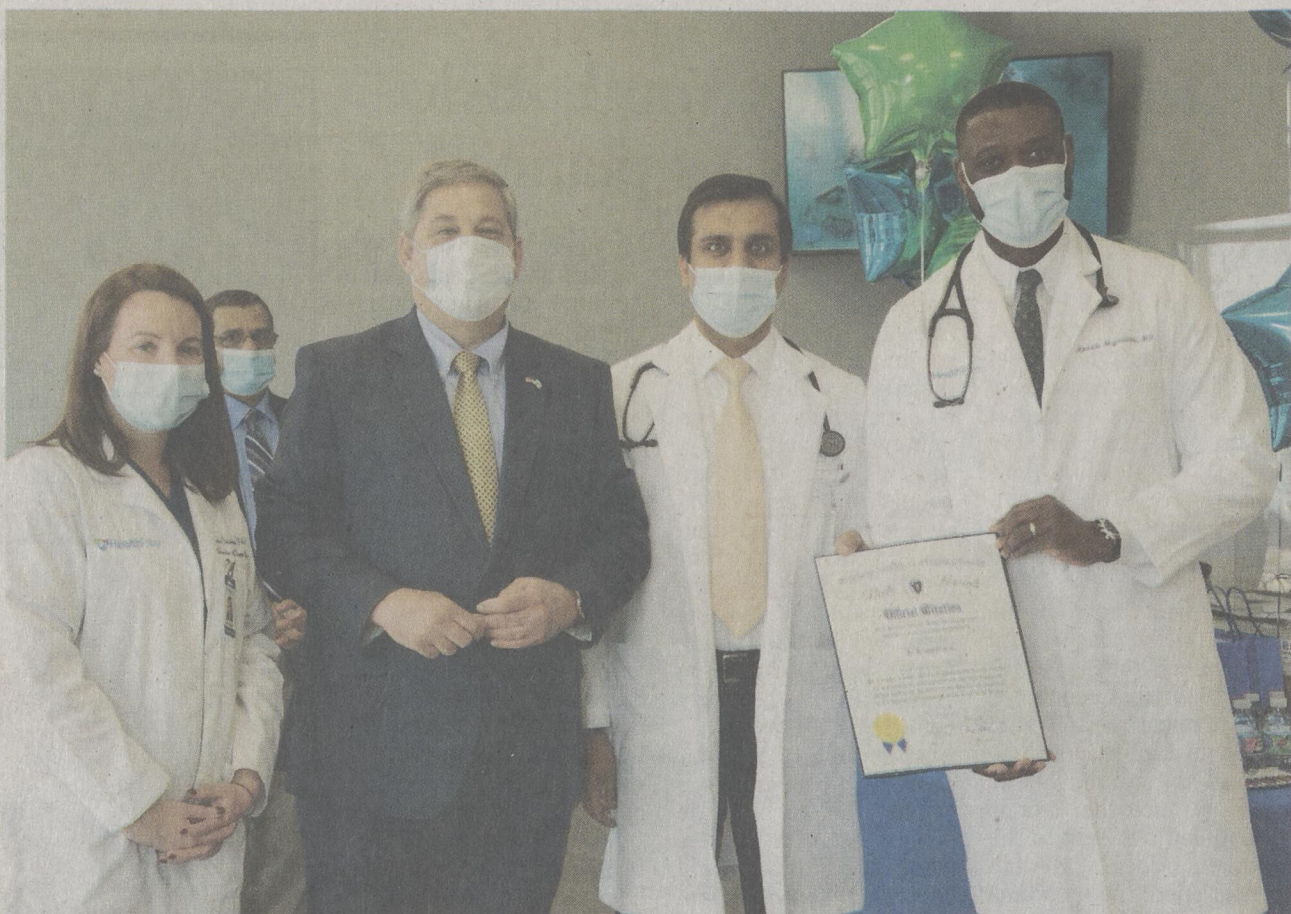
HealthPlus also has a translation service they use so that they may provide language support for their non-English speaking

patients. The company looks forward to having x-ray services in May when they will have the ability to evaluate, diagnose and treat fractures.

"Once a diagnosis is made, we have Orthoglass to splint which holds until the patient can then be seen by an orthopedic specialist," said Arena.

Arena is quick to point out that HealthPlus refers out immediately to an emergency room or hospital for anything that is not treatable at the urgent care center.

HealthPlus Urgent Care is located in the Market Basket Plaza in Wilmington at 234 Main St. in the old Card-smart location, and will be opening a second location in the Market Basket Plaza in Middleton on Route 114. They may be reached at 978-794-2000 or at www.healthplusgroup.com.



▲ From left: Jenna Commeau, DScPAS, PA-C, Director of Urgent Care Services; Salim Pillai, Accounting Manager; Faisal Malik, co-founder and Chief Medical Officer; Massachusetts State Senator Bruce Tarr; Akindele Majekodunmi, MD, MBA, Founder, CEO. (photo: BruceHilliard.com)

Five Wilmington students make Dean's List at MCPHS

BOSTON — MCPHS University is pleased to announce the students who have been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2020 semester:

• Ana Petrovic is a native of Wilmington and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences. Ana will graduate from the Boston campus in 2023.

• Marco Buzzanga is a native of Wilmington and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Premedical and Health Studies. Marco will graduate from the Boston campus in 2024.

• Kayla Rossetti is a native of Wilmington and is pursuing a Doctor of Pharmacy. Kayla will graduate from the Boston campus in 2026.

• Nicole Dunnett is a native of Wilmington and

is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Nicole will graduate from the Boston campus in 2020.

• Amanda Tran is a native of Wilmington and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Pre-medical and Health Studies. Amanda will graduate from the Boston campus in 2024.

The Dean's List recognizes those students with a full-time course load who have achieved outstanding scholarship with a 3.5 GPA or higher for the academic term.

The mission of MCPHS University is to prepare graduates to advance health and serve communities worldwide through excellence, innovation, and collaboration in teaching, practice, scholarship, and research.

Schools getting ready to return students to full in-person learning

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wellness survey and professional development related to childhood trauma, anxiety, depression, and suicide prevention.

Focusing on students and families, the department used schoolwide community meetings to teach coping skills, the YRBS survey which would be going out to students soon, and the Caregiver Virtual Series they'd done earlier this year.

Going forward, they would look to increase access to outpatient mental health and wellness resources, increase support for multi-tiered systems for social-emotional learning programming, and increase clinical staff.

A few programs that they would sign up for would be the William James College INTERFACE referral service and Panorama Education to measure SEL skills and confidences.

School Committee member Jay Samaha mentioned that the district where he teaches uses Panorama Education, and wanted to know if this would be funded by a grant. Brand said that it would.

"One of the silver linings of this pandemic is that we're learning what the needs are," Samaha added.

M. J. Byrnes asked if parents would be involved in Panorama data, and Alice Brown-LeGrand

answered that they would be part of that and the IST process for students. Byrnes also wondered if there was any data about student engagement.

Brown-LeGrand shared that this does concern clinical staff, as they're supporting families when they reach out about kids not logging on or coming to school.

Brand ended by saying that they'd hope to add the extra clinical staff as soon as possible and start gathering Panorama data before the end of the year. He wanted to make sure community members would also be aware of these resources available to them.

Assistant Superintendent Christine Elliot then presented the results and implications of the return to full in-person survey for families. Overall, there were small numbers of families requesting for their students to switch from hybrid to remote, or remote to fully in-person, at most grade levels.

Brand added that a lot of furniture was being moved to accommodate more students at three feet social distancing. He reminded everyone that even with restrictions changing, the definition of close contact remains six feet, so a possible COVID-19 exposure at school will have more impact.

Some other changes being made would relate to medication drop-offs, transportation increasing, food services requiring more staff, and students eating lunch in alternative rooms. He said prom, graduation, and MCAS are still planned for this spring.

Samaha asked if vaccinations would affect whether someone would be a close contact. Brand said he would follow up with the Board of Health and the Nursing Director but that he understood that a vaccinated person wouldn't have to quarantine after COVID-19 exposure. David Ragsdale seconded that understanding, except if the vaccinated person showed symptoms of COVID-19.

Ragsdale also reiterated the importance of families staying vigilant with safety precautions and protocols.

"It's so important that we are still really good about distancing, hygiene, and not coming to school if you're sick," he said.

Jenn Bryson mentioned that parents were concerned about whether quarantining students could still participate in school, either synchronously or asynchronously. Brand said that it was DESE's expectation that access to education be provided for those in quarantine or isolation.

Elliot shared that there weren't any situations she knew of where students moving from hybrid to fully in-person would be changing teachers. Those switching from remote, except at the high school level, would still get new teachers.

Another added layer to this planning she referenced has been people moving to Wilmington and entering the district. However, she said that the administration is working to make sure all students will fit in the classrooms that they have.

Craft show goodies



Jessica Charbonneau and her mom Carol Green from "Sew What Designs" showing off their many creative hand made wine bags, gift bags, wreaths and bobbles. (photo: BruceHilliard.com)



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